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Dear Parents/Carers

You may have seen recent articles in the media about a new TikTok challenge, which has involved students being encouraged to vandalise school toilets, and even worse, to assault a teacher, and capture video footage before posting it online.

I am writing to draw this matter to your attention and to ask that you work with staff to ensure that our college remains the safe and orderly environment that we currently enjoy, and all expect.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that students are not permitted to film on the college premises without permission and are not allowed to upload any videos in the name of the college, or videos which could be deemed to bring the college into disrepute.

As Governors, we are asking that you communicate the seriousness of this to your child and the college will take a zero tolerance approach. All staff at Henry Cort come to work to support students, their families, and wider communities and therefore any attempt to intimidate, ridicule or abuse staff is not acceptable.

The Governors will support any appropriate sanctions requested by the college where there is evidence of this practice, up to and including permanent exclusion, which could be imposed on students who film and/or upload inappropriate material involving college staff and/or students while on college premises, or on the way to or from college. We may also inform the police should we have evidence of serious criminal damage, slander or libel.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Yours sincerely

Sara Smith

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Chair of the Governing Board

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