



The De Montfort School

UNLOCKING YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL

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Dear Parent/Carer

TikTok

We have been made aware by another secondary school of some potentially dangerous videos on the social media site 'TikTok.'

TikTok is used to create short dance, lip-sync, comedy and talent videos. However, we have been informed there are some recent videos circulating that are exceptionally concerning. A local secondary school has a Year 7 student undergoing major surgery after swallowing magnetic balls which had been used as 'fake tongue piercings' in a viral TikTok trend. The viral prank sees people place two magnetic balls either side of their tongue and wiggle it around, creating an optical illusion that their piercing is stationary. We are not aware that any of our students have been involved in the making of these videos but if you are concerned that your son/daughter may have been involved in anything of this nature we would recommend that you seek medical advice as a matter of urgency.

Please continue to monitor the content of social media that your son/daughter is accessing so that we can ensure the internet is as safe as possible. Please also be mindful that many social media sites do have age restrictions associated with them.

If you would like to contact me to discuss the content of this letter, please do not hesitate in doing so.

Yours sincerely

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