

Warning regarding social media posts
- Suicide

Dear Parents / Guardians

It has come to our attention that there is an extremely triggering and highly graphic video currently trending on TikTok of a man live-streaming his suicide. Whilst TikTok have stated that they are doing their best to remove the video, it has now been shared across ALL SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS (Instagram/WhatsApp/YouTube/Twitter/Snapchat) hundreds of thousands of times including under fake captions.

Some captions on TikTok are as trivial as 'look at the pasta I cooked tonight' before the video then plays therefore children can come across the video without even searching for it.

I really cannot stress enough that this video is extremely distressing and organisations across Coventry and Warwickshire have taken to our own social media platforms to urge children, parents and carers to avoid the app whilst this video is in such high circulation.

We advise that if anyone has witnessed the video then they must seek appropriate support whether that be from a parent, carer, teacher or from any of the mental health support services below!

CW Mind www.cwmind.org.uk

CALM www.thecalmzone.net 0800 585858

HEADS TOGETHER www.headstogether.org.uk

MIND www.mind.org.uk 0300 123 3393

PAPYRUS www.papyrus-uk.org 0800 0684141

SAMARITANS www.samaritans.org 116 123

Kind Regards

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