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Dear Parents / Carers

PLEASE BE AWARE THERE IS A HIGHLY GRAPHIC VIDEO OF A MAN LIVE STREAMING HIS SUICIDE CURRENTLY TRENDING ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS, SUCH AS FACEBOOK, TIKTOK, INSTAGRAM AND YOUTUBE.

The incident occurred on 31 August 2020 and social media sites are still trying to remove all clips of the incident. The video is also being sent hundreds of times via TIK TOK under fake captions, some as trivial as '*look at the pasta I cooked tonight*' therefore children could come across the video without searching for it.

This video is severely distressing. We urge children, parents, carers to avoid such social media platforms until the video is fully removed.

If you or your child has witnessed the video and require support, please email info@gig-mill.dudley.sch.uk or visit any of the mental health services below:

Calm Zone: <https://www.thecalmzone.net/help/get-help/mental-health/>

Heads Together: www.headstogether.org.uk

Mind: www.mind.org.uk <https://birminghammind.org/>

Papyrus: <https://www.papyrus-uk.org/>

Samaritans: <https://www.samaritans.org/>

Yours faithfully



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