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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware, we have communicated with you frequently regarding the potential dangers online for our pupils. Sadly, we need to make you aware of an extremely disturbing video that is being circulated globally via online on platforms such as snapchat and tiktok. If the video is present on these platforms we imagine it will be present across all social media platforms. We are aware that some of our pupils have now seen this content.

The video is of a traumatic suicide by shotgun, it starts as a bearded man with glasses sitting on a chair at a desk wearing black clothes. Worryingly the same video has now been edited and starts with something which looks innocent, such as a video of an animal or meme.

We are writing to notify you of this so we can work together to safeguarding DEC children's online safety. Please speak to your children about this and the potential dangers of the online world.

For those parents/carers that haven't yet seen them, there are a variety of guides to help parents with online safety on our school website: [www.decschool.co.uk/parental-platform-guides](http://www.decschool.co.uk/parental-platform-guides) and [www.decschool.co.uk/e-safety](http://www.decschool.co.uk/e-safety)

We advise regular conversations with your children about online safety and ongoing screening of their mobile phones as an effective way to help keep them safe online.

Yours sincerely,

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