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# Parent Forum

Online safety and cyber choices

# Online safety and cyber choices:

We want to:

- inform you about online risks to students;
- to explain what we are doing in school to keep students safe;
- to provide up to date information about the potential dangers of specific apps and cyber choices;
- to give you examples as to how you can help keep your children safe online.



# National Picture

- 19% of children, aged 10-15-years-old, exchanged messages with someone online who they never met offline in the last year
- Over 9,000 child sexual abuse offences involved an online element in 2022/23
- Around a sixth of people that experienced online harassment offences were under 18-years-old
- Under 18-year-olds were the subject of around a quarter of reported offences of online blackmail in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.



# Sexual Extortion

This briefing shares children and young people's experiences of so-called 'sextortion', a form of online blackmail that involves the threat of sharing nude or semi-nude images or videos to extort money or force someone to do something against their will.

Drawing from contacts to Childline and the NSPCC Helpline in 2023/24, the briefing explores:

- how sextortion occurs and how it can escalate
- the impact on young people's wellbeing
- how to spot the signs
- how to talk to young people at risk.

It also offers guidance for reporting and disrupting incidents of sextortion, should a child's image ever fall into the wrong hands.



# Sextortion

“I recently got tricked into sending nudes to whom I thought was a girl, but I now know to be a grown man. They threatened to post my nudes on socials unless I paid them. At first, they wanted £20 so I sent it to them. Then they came back asking for £30, £50, sometimes more.”

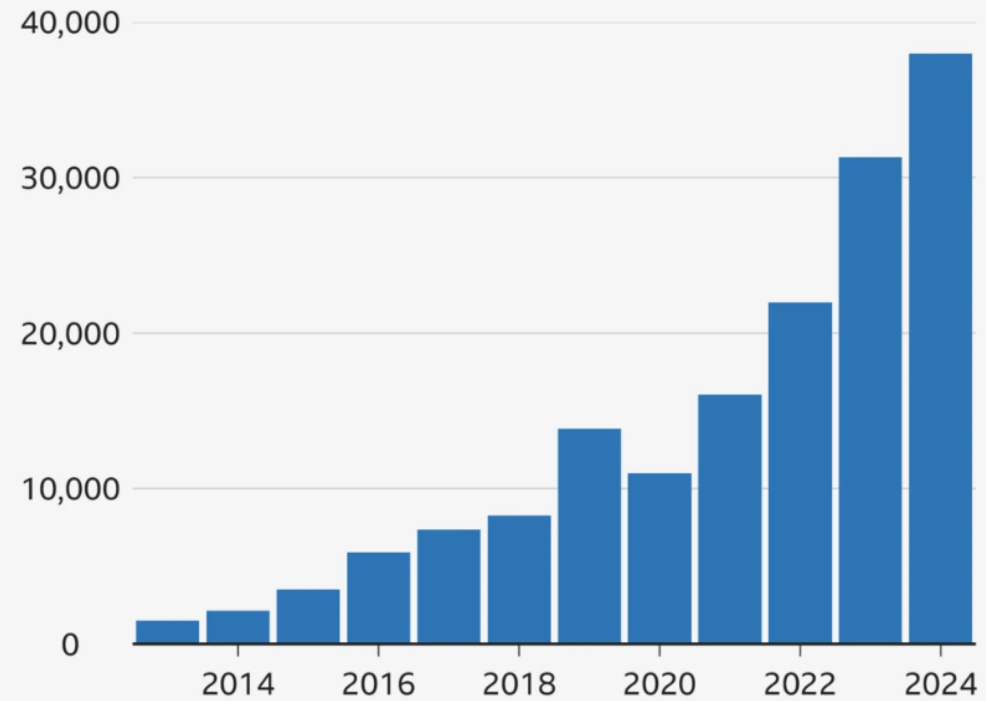
Boy aged 16, Childline

“I sent nudes to this boy on Snapchat. I thought I could trust him, but I was wrong cos he saved the images to his camera roll. Now he’s threatening to post them to my friends and family unless I do stuff on FaceTime. I don’t know how to handle this, I’ve never been so anxious in my life.”

Girl aged 15, Childline

## Blackmail offences have risen

Recorded crimes in England and Wales for years ending March, 2013 to 2024



Source: Home Office - Police recorded crime

BBC



# What is online safety?

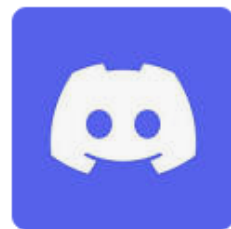
It means protecting children from **4** main areas of risk:

- 1. Content:** being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful material online
- 2. Contact:** being the victim of harmful interactions online
- 3. Conduct:** behaving in a way online that causes harm or increases the likelihood of it
- 4. Commerce:** risks like online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing or financial scams



# Apps to look and listen out for, and why

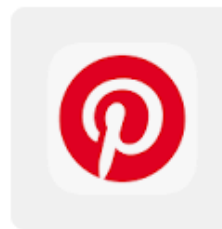
- What do you know about this app?
- What do you think is the minimum age to use it?
- What do you think the main risks are?



Discord



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**IMAGINE A WORLD WITHOUT SOCIAL MEDIA**





# Apps to look and listen out for, and why

## WhatsApp

- Instant messaging in one-to-one and group chats, and calls. Allows you to send messages, images, videos and your location
- Age **13+**
- Children can be at risk of:
  - Bullying
  - Sharing nudes and semi-nudes
  - Grooming



# Apps to look and listen out for, and why

## Instagram

- Picture and video-sharing. You can post content publicly or to 'followers', see content posted by others, 'follow' each other, 'like' posts, comment, and send messages
- Age **13+**
- Children can be at risk of:
  - Grooming
  - Exposure to upsetting or harmful material
  - Bullying
  - Pressure to look a certain way



# Apps to look and listen out for, and why

## Snapchat

- Picture, video and message-sharing with contacts. The 'snap' is on screen for up to 10 seconds, then disappears; or you can opt for no time limit. You can share snaps in a sequence for up to 24 hours
- Age **13+**
- Children can be at risk of:
  - Grooming
  - Sharing nudes and semi-nudes, and image-sharing without their consent
  - Bullying



# Apps to look and listen out for, and why

## TikTok

- Video-sharing. You can record and upload short video clips, watch other people's videos, 'follow' people, gain 'fans', 'like' and comment
- Age **13+**
- Children can be at risk of:
  - Exposure to explicit or inappropriate videos, and content about eating disorders
  - Strangers seeing videos they have shared
  - Contact from strangers asking to 'trade' explicit images/videos
  - Feeling pressured to record inappropriate or explicit videos to gain more followers





# Apps to look and listen out for, and why

## Reddit

➤Reddit is a social news website and forum where content is socially curated and promoted by site members through voting. The site name is a play on the words "I read it."

➤Age **13+**

➤Children can be at risk of:

- Exposure to explicit or inappropriate content
- Grooming
- Misinformation
- Bullying
- Dangerous online challenges



# Additional Apps



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# The Law?

## THE COMPUTER MISUSE ACT 1990



### SECTION 1

Unauthorised access to computer material

### SECTION 2

Unauthorised access with intent to commit or facilitate commission of further offences.

### SECTION 3

Unauthorised acts with intent to impair, or with recklessness as to impairing, operation of a computer.

### SECTION 3ZA

Unauthorised acts causing or creating risk of serious damage.

### SECTION 3A

Making, supplying or obtaining articles for use in offence under section 1, 3 or 3ZA.



























# Online safety: our approach

- Children are taught about online safety as part of the curriculum
- We update parents by sending updates via the newsletter and Parent Forums
- We have filters and monitoring systems in place e.g. Smoothwall & Apple Classroom
- We work with our local safeguarding partners and external agencies

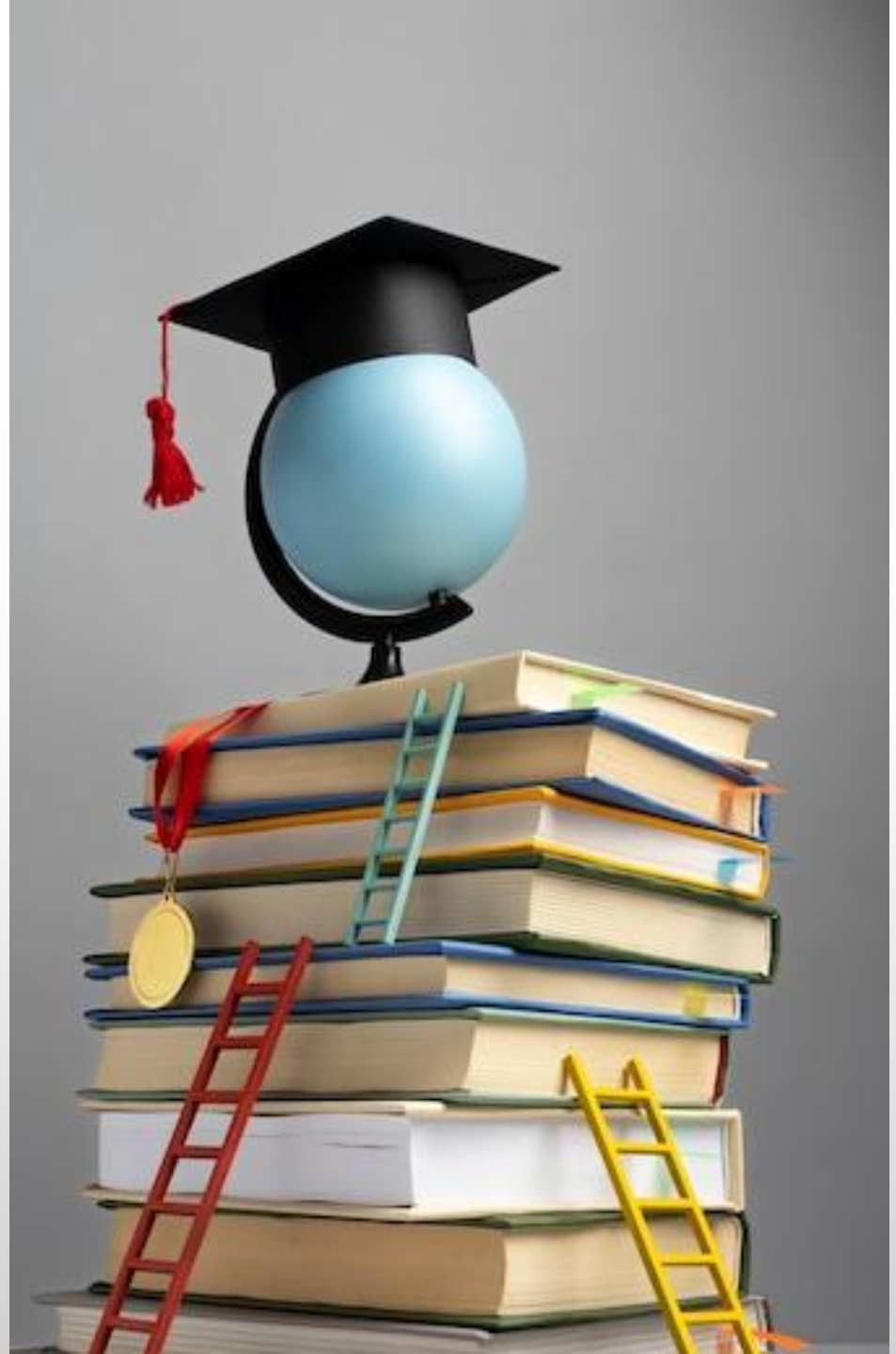


# What are we doing in school?

Apple iMessage ON						
FaceTime ON						
<u>AirDrop</u> ON						
Email, Teams or OneNote are alternatives for sharing files; <u>AirDrop</u> cannot be traced.						
Teams chat ON	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted
Can/ cannot initiate private chat with any staff or students.						

# PCS Curriculum

- Computing cover Internet Safety and Harm in the Autumn Term of Year 7.
- PCS has Internet Safety and Harm embedded across the curriculum. Below are some examples of lessons where it is prominent.
- Year 7 - Living in the Wider World Lesson 2: Digital Resilience
- Year 8 - Relationships Lesson 2: Relationship Expectations (Sharing Sexual Images)
- Year 9 - Living in the Wider World Lesson 1 and 2: Gambling (including online).
- Year 10 - Relationships Lesson 2: Impact of Pornography.





# What you can do to help keep students safe:

- No phones upstairs at night
- Be curious if talking online
- Using technical parental controls
- Limiting screen time
- Talk to your children about their online activity

## If you have a concern:

Email [Safeguarding@lgs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:Safeguarding@lgs.slough.sch.uk)

Anti-bullying email and app







# Jamf app



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## Jamf Parent App

Jamf Parent is a free app that allows you to manage your children's school iPad, from your own mobile device.

You can only add a child's device to Jamf Parent, or manage your children's devices, with Jamf Parent outside normal school times (7am - 3.30pm Mon-Fri).

**Note:** Images below are from an Apple device. Options may vary with other devices.

### Get Started:

1. Install the Jamf Parent App on your mobile device, from your mobile app store.



# Searching, Screening and Confiscation

Advice for schools

July 2022

## Searching and confiscating devices

- Electronic devices, including mobile phones, can contain files or data which relate to an offence, or which may cause harm to another person.
- This includes, but is not limited to, indecent images of children, pornography, abusive messages, images or videos, or evidence relating to suspected criminal behaviour.
- Staff may examine any data or files on an electronic device they have confiscated as a result of a search, as defined in paragraph 57, if there is good reason to do so.



True.



Take notice and be alert to any changes in behaviour



Start conversations early



Reach out to school – we can help

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# Strategies



# Signposting

You will find some good tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online on these links below:

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#) | [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#) | [Parents Protect - Internet Safety](#)

The NSPCC offer parental internet safety workshops, go here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/free-online-safety-group-workshops/>

There is also a NSPCC video to a pre-recorded webinar aimed at parents which you can circulate to your parents: Keeping Children Safe on Gaming Platforms | Webinar for parents and carers | <https://youtu.be/YO6Ux7qfYXk>

Guides on how to start the conversation about online safety: [Teaching Your Child about Internet & Online Safety | NSPCC](#)

The NSPCC has also published the **‘Listen up, Speak up’ free 10-minute digital training**. The aim is to empower every adult to know what to do if a child needs help, and where to go if you need support yourself. This can be accessed here: [Listen up, Speak up | NSPCC](#)

TALK video from the IWF with a checklist about keeping children safe online can be accessed here: [TALK Checklist by Internet Watch Foundation | Home \(iwf.org.uk\)](#)





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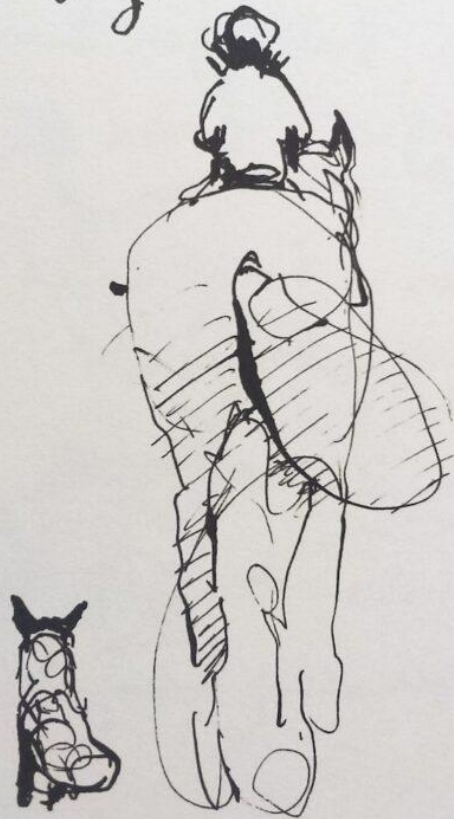


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Life without technology

"What is the bravest thing  
you've ever said?" asked  
the boy.



"Help," said the horse.