



Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Due to increased reporting of young people under the age of 18 sharing images of nudes and semi-nudes with each other, we are seeking to highlight that this online behaviour will stay with them forever and that they need to think before they share indecent images on social media.

Some students may not think about the potential consequences of sharing an explicit image or video with someone else. Through our curriculum, we are trying to help them understand that once they press the send button, they no longer have control over what happens or who sees it. As we all know, the internet has no boundaries. Young people do not always fully understand the implications, but sharing a nude image of someone under 18 is a sexual offence and they could find themselves in serious trouble. Please take this opportunity to discuss online safety and the potential implications of image sharing with your child.

It is also hoped that the information we share will not only encourage young people to stop sending these images to their friends, but also to strangers and online contacts. We will be telling young people that, if they have been affected by this issue, they should not be embarrassed and to please tell a trusted adult or to report it to the police.

You can report indecent and inappropriate images to the [Internet Watch Foundation](#) (IWF). In addition, for help and support, or to report an incident, visit [CEOP](#), or visit [Report a crime via Thames Valley Police](#).

The following links contain information about the law and where to get support:

[Remove a nude image shared online | Childline](#)

[Talking to your child about online safety](#)

We will be continuing to support our students' education regarding online safety and relationship and sex education through our PSHE & RSE programmes.

Mike Durose  
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