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## Online and Social Media Safety

Dear Parents,

Hampshire County Council's Children's Services Department asked us to share the information below with parents and staff; we hope you find this useful:

With the Christmas holidays approaching and the prospect of children perhaps receiving digital media as a gift in some shape or form – tablets and gaming consoles, for example – we thought it would be an appropriate time to remind you about the responsible use of such devices.

Following, the recent news stories relating to the Police's increasing concerns about child exploitation through social media ( [www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-42224148](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-42224148) ), please do take the time to set up robust parental controls on devices and ensure that you set the passwords and codes so that only you know them.



**Child Sexual Exploitation lead explains why parents need to be more intrusive online.**

[www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)

Sex offenders learn how young people communicate online and use this to abuse them, police say.

There is some helpful advice and online safety resources relating to this on Hampshire County Council's website:

[www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/safeguardingchildren/onlinesafety](http://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/safeguardingchildren/onlinesafety)

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If your children are likely to be using the internet, you may find it helpful for them to be aware and to have viewed this website: [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5\\_7/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/)

## Thinkuknow - 5-7

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

Hello. If you are 5, 6 or 7, I bet you probably like to use the computer for fun. We've made this website to help you go on the internet in a safe way and know who to ...

Helpful advice is also available from the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) website: [www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/)



## Online safety | NSPCC

[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

We've teamed up with O2 to help you keep children safe when they're using the internet, social networks, apps, games and beyond.

Aside from the risk of exploitation and cyber bullying, it is unfortunate in this day and age that content exists on social media that would be inappropriate, and potentially harmful, for young children to view.

If you receive images or videos on Snapchat, Instagram, Whatsapp or via any other social media featuring people that are naked or are sexual in nature, these should be deleted immediately and reported to the Police on the non-emergency 101 telephone number.

Many people are still unaware that showing or sharing such images or videos with others could mean they are committing a crime. However, if a genuine mistake is made, it would be treated as such by the Police.

Yours sincerely,



Tim Clarke  
Headteacher

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