

Dear Parent/Guardian

There has been lots of news coverage about the increased risk of young people using live streaming apps. We have been made aware that a sexual abuse video has been circulating on social media apps and although there is no evidence that any of our students have seen or circulated the video we would like to bring this to your attention.

The advice from police in relation to this video is that if young people receive it on any social media platform, they should delete it immediately and tell a trusted adult. It is vitally important that they understand that if they show this video to someone else or forward it on to other people, they could be committing a crime. The police have made it clear that they do not want to criminalise children and that children won't be in trouble if they've made a genuine mistake.

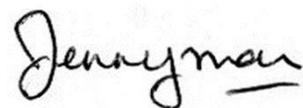
CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command) have released the following general advice:

- Please never share a video or image depicting any kind of abuse involving children
- Each time a video or image of abuse is shared it re-victimises the child and increased the likelihood of blackmail, feeling of self-blame and powerlessness
- Report it to the platform it has been shared on e.g.: YouTube, Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram etc.
- Report it to CEOP if it is an image or video of sexual abuse involving a child with a link to where the video or image is hosted e.g.: YouTube, Facebook
- If it's not on a public platform and it only exists on a device ie: phone, tablet – once reported, with authorisation of CEOP or the police, delete it from the device it has been sent to (if offender usernames are visible make note of them)
- Encourage other people to report if it is being shared publicly

www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre



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