



## Advice around 'dangers of sexting'



It is our duty of care to give students advice around personal safety and to raise awareness about the dangers of sexting.

Question: 'Would you take a naked picture of yourself and photocopy it, and then give it out?'

### What are the risks around sexting?

Distributing and receiving explicit material (nude pictures) of any one under the age of 18 is child pornography and is a criminal offence.

It is illegal to take, possess or share 'indecent images' of anyone under 18 even if you're the person in the picture.

**Remember** – if you wouldn't show it to your parents or your gran, you probably shouldn't share it online!

**Remember** – sending or uploading any pictures online leaves an online foot print which can be traced back even if you delete it.

### Help and Support:

If somebody you don't know has contacted you inappropriately or the images are being used against you, fill out a report form at [Click CEOP](http://www.ceop.police.uk) ([www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk))

If you are upset or worried by an image you have sent or received, you can call [ChildLine](http://www.childline.org.uk) and talk to someone in confidence on **0800 1111**

You can also visit [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) for online support and advice about cyberbullying and much more.

Your teachers are always here to help you too.

