

Thinkuknow parents and carers presentation (secondary)

Protect your children from sexual abuse online

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This presentation will cover:



- Young people online
- Sexual exploration online
- Sharing images
- Sexual abuse online
- What can you do?
- Thinkuknow resources for secondary
- Thinkuknow resources for parents and carers
- Reporting to NCA-CEOP



What is Thinkuknow?



Thinkuknow is the education programme provided by NCA-CEOP.

Thinkuknow offers resources for different audiences:

4-7

8-10

11-13

14+

Resources for those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

Parents and Carers











Visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk for information and advice

Talk to your teenager

THINK UE KNOW

- Find a good time and place
- Think about how you are going to introduce the subject
- Explain any worries you may have

Listen. Don't judge. Learn...

- Where do they go online?
- What do they like?
- What don't they like?
- Make sure they know they can come to you



Understanding apps and games









Chatting



Viewing



Friending

Sexual exploration online



- Exploring friendships online can create opportunities for young people to gain support.
- It's natural for young people to start exploring their sexual feelings online.
- Risk-taking is a normal part of growing up.

"I think a lot of difficult conversations can be easier by Messaging 'cos it's easier to have a bit of time to think... Like, so you're not really on the spot, you can just have a bit of time to think. And you can stay a bit more calm." Young person, 14

"Being able to find people online is, like, an easy way to test the waters. To, like, experiment or to, like, reaffirm your own sexuality and stuff like that." Young person, 15

Sharing images



Young people may share naked or semi-naked images of themselves for a variety of reasons:

- As part of a committed and trusting relationship
- As a way to flirt with someone
- For affirmation or seeking attention from someone they like
- Because they feel other young people are doing it
- For a joke
- Because they have been pressured, manipulated or coerced into doing so



Sexual abuse online



- There are opportunities for adults to contact children and young people online, in order to harm them. They can use any part of the internet – games, social media, live streaming platforms etc.
- Adults can create multiple online identities and even pretend to be children and young people themselves.
- Adults can exploit young people's natural curiosity by talking about sex and introducing harmful things.
- Adults can pressure, intimidate and coerce children into doing things that they are not ready for. Increasingly children and young people are tricked into sexual activity over live video.



What can you do?



- Talk to your child about their life online.
- Make sure your child knows that they will never be blamed.
- Don't threaten to ban technology.

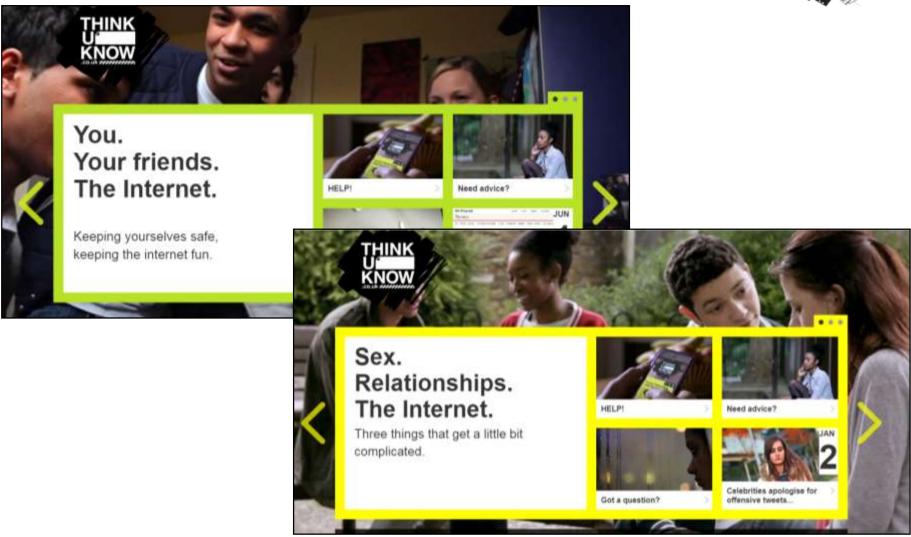
Practical steps you can take

- Direct your child to age appropriate information about relationships and sex .
- Report any concerns to local police, CEOP or the NSPCC.



Thinkuknow teen websites

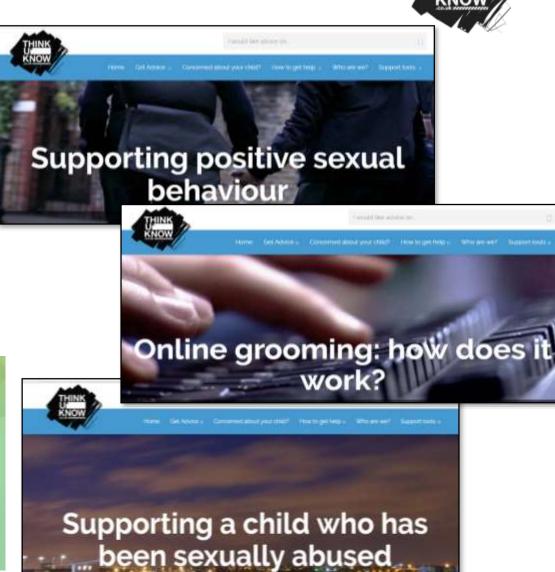




Resources for Parents and Carers







www.parentinfo.org





Reporting to NCA-CEOP – www.ceop.police.uk









Staying up to date:



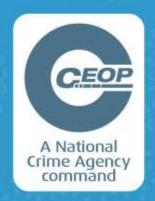




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