

SEXTING

Sexting involves the sending of sexually explicit images or messages via a mobile phone or other electronic devices. Unfortunately, whilst we might not want to believe this could happen to our children, the evidence shows that it could.

It is illegal for **anyone** (including children) to take explicit images of children, to store them or to send them to others. If you are concerned that your child has either taken a sexually explicit photograph of themselves, has received one from someone else, or has sent or received sexually explicit messages, you can either report this to CEOP via the button on the front page of the website, or to the school, who will support you in reporting the incident.

Please be aware that if you print a copy of the image or send a copy to the school or to a different phone, you will be breaking the law as this will be considered as distributing the image. In addition, if the school opens and stores any such images, the member of staff concerned will also be committing an offence.

You can access further advice and information about sexting via the CEOP button on the website or by the following link to the NSPCC website:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/sexting/>