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What does technology do?

Creates ANOTHER PUBLIC PLACE where people can exchange, distribute and share images. (Manchester Police)

Increases opportunities for contact with young people.

Contact with more vulnerable people at a faster rate.

Increased contact with like minded people to share information/images.



Growing up Online

Hands Up!!

Today's children are doing the same but in a different landscape

People under the age of 24 are now DIGITAL NATIVES and our children are often as advanced in their use.

The concern is encouraging our children to distinguish between fantasy and reality and recognising the risks.



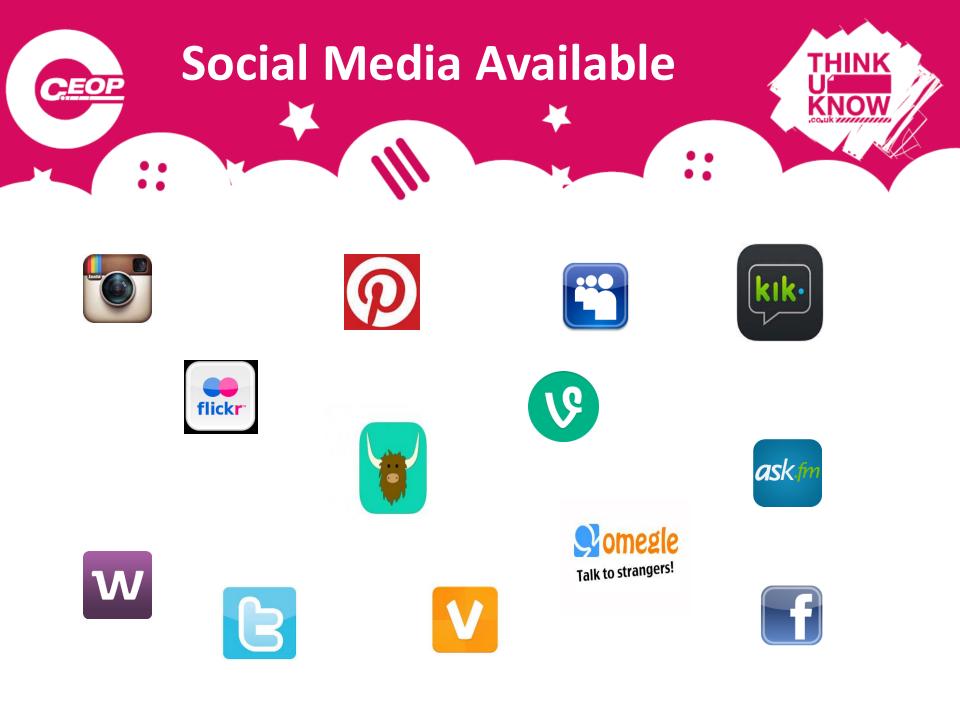
Who's at risk?

All Students

DO NOT assume that vulnerability offline equates to vulnerability online.

High level of internet use, social isolation, limited peer support,

In particular those that are 'technically savvy' and those that might be isolated users.





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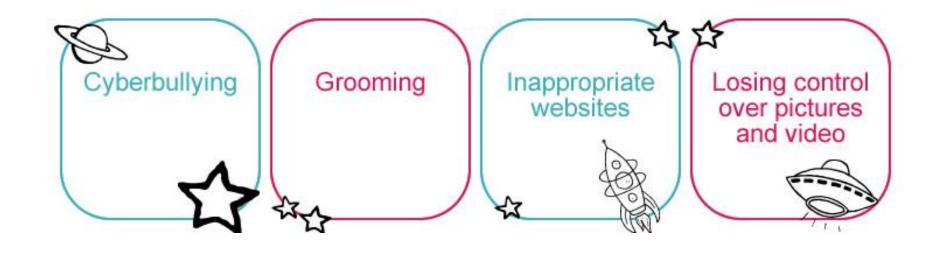
Can cause ONLINE disinhibition!

Anonymity – feel safe and less vulnerable.

Invisible – Encourages them to go places and do things.

Imagination – Online image, changes rules from the norm, gives us ability to do things we might not otherwise do.









What is Cyberbullying?

How and where can you be Cyberbullied?

21% of 8 to 11 Year olds and 28% of 11 to 16 year olds have been deliberately targeted or humiliated by an individual or group through the use of a mobile phone or internet



- Offer reassurance and support. Don't be afraid to ask questions and encourage them to talk to you
- Tell your child that if they are being bullied to always keep the evidence
- Block the bullies
- Learn how to report and where to go for further support
- Inform school so we can act



Peer to peer support network for young people who are being bullied

www.cybermentors.org.uk



Grooming

What is 'online grooming'?

What does an online friend mean to your child? Is it the same for you?



Do you really know who it is you are talking to? If not tell someone and remove them.

What do they look like?

ANYONE!!! Young, middle aged, old, female, professional – DO NOT PRESUME THEY ALL HAVE THE SAME STEREOTYPICAL LOOK!!!!



Anthony Costie a young well respected professional was a sex offender who was caught through an anti-paedophile website was given a nine-year jail term for sexual grooming and pornography offences.



Consequences Video



- Talk to your child about online grooming
- Talk to them about their online friends
- Let your child know that you are always there for support and you understand how easy it is for things to get out of control online
- Learn how to report any inappropriate contact made to your child online





Report suspected online grooming – this could sexual chat, a child being asked to do something that makes them feel uncomfortable or someone insisting on meeting up. All information reported is prioritised and can see action inside one hour.

www.ceop.police.uk



24 hour confidential helpline for children and young people.



What does the word 'inappropriate' mean in your house? Pro eating disorders

Gambling

Pornographic



Set controls on:

- > Computers
- Laptops
- Tablets
- Mobile devices
- Games Consoles
- ALL internet enabled devices

Remember... they are not 100% accurate and not a substitute for open communication!

Set on all devices that link to the internet



How can you help?

- Block sites that are not age appropriate
- limit inappropriate and illegal material
- Set timings automatic switch off at bedtime
- Monitor activity
- Pay attention to what your son/daughter is doing



'Pornography is a poor, and indeed dangerous, sex educator'

Martin Flood

- Readily available
- Early exposure to the topic
- Often hardcore and extreme
- Rarely represents sex in the context of a healthy relationship
- Unhealthy views of the opposite sex and their own experiences
- Affects relationships



- Security settings need to be set to "Friends only", that includes
 comments, posts and photos
- These "Friends" need to be people they know and trust in the real world
- Content Only post content and photos they wouldn't mind showing you!
- Try your very best to be "Friends" with your child on Facebook
- Learn how to report an issue directly to Facebook



Losing control over pictures and video

What is Sexting?

Someone taking an indecent image of themselves, and sending it to their friends or boy/girlfriend via a mobile phone or some other form of technology is sometimes referred to as 'sexting'.

Exposed Video



'Sexting is almost routine in the lives of many 14 year olds and it is something they address with their friends. They are highly unlikely to turn to an adult for fear of being judged.'

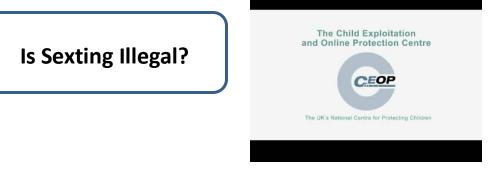
Professor Andy Phippen

Once taken and sent to others young people could lose control of the image. It could be seen by:

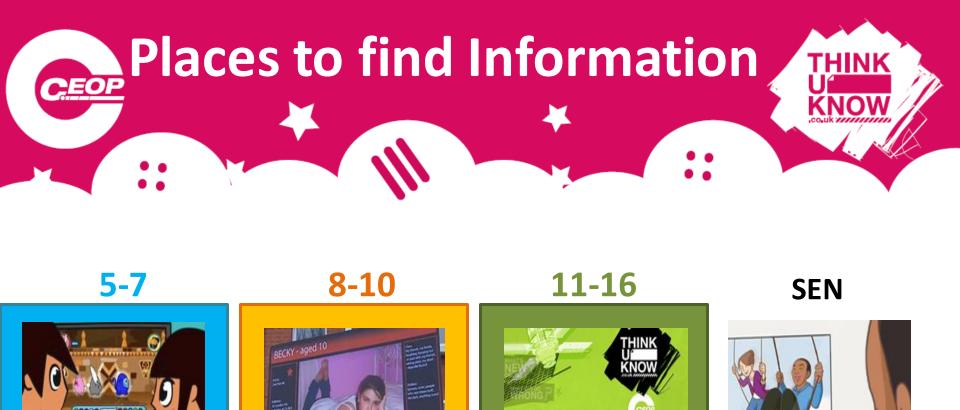
- Family and friends
- Future employers
- A police officer

Collected by:

Offenders



The sharing of sexual imagery may make a child vulnerable to bullying and harassment.



www.thinkuknow.co.uk www.youtube.co.uk/ceop

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Be involved in your child's on line life.

Keep up to date with developments online.

Set boundaries in the online world like you would in the real world.

Know what connects to the internet and how.

Consider parental controls on devices.

Make your child aware that not everyone is who they say they are.

Know what to do if something goes wrong.

Visit the CEOPS website – Think You Know