



Safeguarding in 6.

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Inappropriate Image Sharing.

The news says...

A “teenage sexting epidemic” – An interesting read packed with research, professional reflection and an insight into where this leads us...

(<https://www.newstatesman.com/spotlight/tech-regulation/online-safety/2024/02/child-online-safety-bill-sexting-teenagers-revenge-porn>)

Harris Says...

As part of the Online Safety curriculum this year, students across year groups will complete activities around inappropriate image sharing, the consequence and the deeper understanding about why this happens. If you suspect one of our students has been involved in this, please report to LHD or JNR.

Films/TV say...

Childhood 2.0 – A hard but powerful watch exploring the next generations need for likes, shares and community. What lengths do they go to?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=He3IJhFy-I>

The Podcasts say...



The Hacker Files is a podcast dedicated to helping families and educators become safer online and confident in navigating their digital journeys. It looks at a range of different digital challenges and strategies to help. An interesting listen & also some good advice on cyberbullying.

The research says...

In 2022 Thorn (<https://www.thorn.org/research/sexting-and-nonconsensual-sharing/>) completed online spaces research with teens and it found that a third had been involved with some form of intimate online exchange by the age of 18. Internet Matters (<https://www.internetmatters.org/>) completed research in 2024 around teens and image sharing and found that in education, boys wanted clear understanding of what the consequences are if they share images, whereas girls want to know more about healthy, safe relationships. In KCSIE 2024 the word “sexting” has now been replaced with “image based sexual abuse” to add more severity to the actions and increase conversations on the topic.

The Local Authority Says...

Safeguarding Warwickshire have shared a range of different tips, tools and resources for navigating image sharing discussions, what to do if you have a young person who is involved and agencies that can support.

(<https://www.safeguardingwarwickshire.co.uk/safeguarding-children/i-work-with-children-and-young-people/protecting-children-online>) They also have a powerful video on their site which offers insight into the topic. Warwickshire Council also work closely with Barnardos “Digital Dangers” programme who explore child exploitation as part of the indecent image sharing lense and have online sessions you can take part in. (<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/research/digital-dangers-impact-technology-sexual-abuse-and-exploitation-children-and-young-people>).