

Keeping Safe

Year 8 Assembly, December 2018

Safeguarding and Child Protection at Harrow way Community School

- Who is responsible for keeping you safe?
- You
- Your friends
- Parents

Safeguarding Team at Harrow Way

Mrs Pearce (office opposite Student Reception)

Mrs Buckley (office by the nursery entrance by sportshall)

Mrs Mac (office opposite Mr Serridges')

Mrs Woods (office on history /geography floor)

Or any member of staff you feel confident with can support you getting to the help you need

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CALENDAR

November 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

Article 2: You have the right to protection against discrimination. This means you cannot be treated badly because of your colour, sex or religion, if you have a disability, or are rich or poor.

Article 16: Every child has the right to privacy.

International & National Events this week:
 20th November: Universal Children's Day, Road Safety Week
Rights Respecting and the Internet.
 We learn about human rights and we help each other to enjoy them. We know other people's rights and respect them when we use the internet.

SCHOOL WEBSITE NEWS

Write...

TWITTER

Tweets by @harrowway

Harrow Way School
@harrowway

An amazing piece of extended writing from a Year 8 Geographer on the Social, Economic & Environmental Impact of the **Bullying Support Page**
<http://www.harrowway.hants.sch.uk/bullying-support-page>

Site news

Student Bulletin - Friday 24th November
 by Ashley May - Friday, 24 November 2017, 8:32 am

Whole School
 There will be no careers appointments today with the **Year 8** and **Year 9** students.
School of Rock - Big Debut!

EVENTS

10:00 am

Year 10 Parents Evening
 Monday, 27 November, 3:30 pm
 3:00 pm

Year 8 Spoken Word Competition - John
 on
 Thursday, 30 November, 4:30 pm



Youth Produced Sexual Imagery

- A person under the age of 18 **creates and shares** sexual imagery of themselves with a peer under the age of 18
- A person under the age of 18 **shares** sexual imagery created by another person under the age of 18 with a peer under the age of 18 or an adult
- A person under the age of 18 **is in possession** of sexual imagery created by another person under the age of 18

Research by the NSPCC found that

3% of 11-16 year olds surveyed

had taken fully naked pictures of themselves

What's it about?!

It can often happen when your judgement is clouded (eg pressure from someone else, alcohol or drugs) and can result in you:

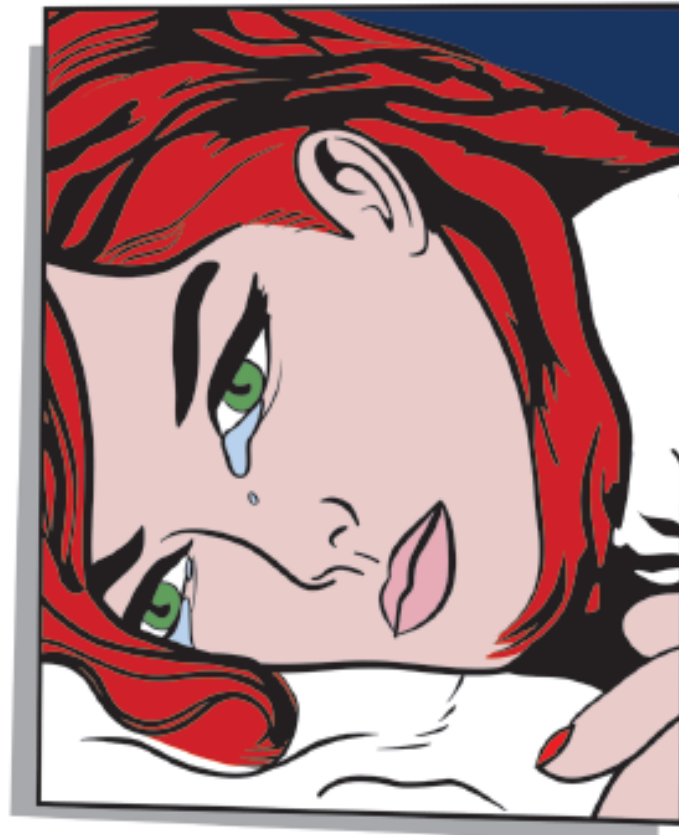
- sending accidentally
- being brave about a naughty photograph
- feeling sexually confident
- feeling less inhibited and less aware of risk and consequences
- doing it as a dare
- thinking that it is a good laugh and there is no harm in it

LOL or OMG?!

People sharing naked pictures as part of a safe relationship is not a new thing.

What has changed though is the speed with which you can share. Using webcams or sending mobile pictures can be a spontaneous decision, made without thinking about what could happen and what people might think. Once the picture leaves your control it can easily and quickly be shared with many people.

A study by the Internet Watch Foundation showed that up to 88% of self-generated images have been collected and put onto other sites!



It is not harmless “fun”

Sexting is a criminal offence that occurs when a person takes, makes, permits to take, distributes, shows, possesses, photographs of any person below the age of 18.

Police Response

- All reports of youth produced sexual imagery require a police response.
- The immediate focus always being on safeguarding children.

Officers have to record all cases as crimes

and

investigate to determine whether there are any wider child protection issues or the presence of **exploitation and coercion**; in these cases there must be a full criminal investigation.

How can I stay safe?

Don't take these types of images, and don't share them, is the safest option!

Sometimes yes you can trust the person you text.

But, and this is a big but, do you really need to send them pictures of your body? If the person asking for this acts up when you refuse, is this someone you can trust? If they accept your refusal without question they sound like a good partner.

So ask yourself, if we break up, will this person respect me enough not to share my pictures? How well do you really know them? Sadly, it is often only when we split up with someone that we see their true colours.

What are the first things I should do?

It might seem like the end of the world but try not to panic! Take a deep breath and give yourself a chance to think about how this might affect you.

First off, are you OK? Do you need support? If you do, find the best person to support you right now... friends, family, school? You choose.

Sometimes that first step of asking for help is a difficult one. But you have to be honest with yourself. Real friends and professionals trying to help are only able to do so when they know all the facts and how you feel about it.



If you decide you need to do something, don't wait. The quicker you deal with it the better chance there is of managing the spread.

Will I get into trouble?

The Law is on your side and was not designed to punish young people for making mistakes whilst experimenting with their sexuality.

The law is aimed firmly at those who choose to trade or profit from sexual pictures of children.

Even though (if you are under 18) the image(s) you have sent may constitute an indecent image of a child, the Association of Chief Police Officers have clearly stated that young people will be treated as victims in the first instance and only extreme cases may be reviewed or looked at differently. They clearly state “First time offenders should not usually face prosecution for such activities, instead an investigation to ensure that the young person is not at any risk and the use of established education programmes should be utilised”.

There are also many national organisations who can help such as:

Childline www.childline.org.uk

Get Connected www.getconnected.org.uk

ThinkUknow www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Or download the Zipit app from the Childline website (Supported by IWF)