



Gooseberry Alert 35

Youth Produced Sexual Imagery (Sexting)

Please share your **Gooseberry Alert** content with students, staff and parents.

All that we ask in return and in the spirit of modelling positive digital citizenship: when sharing our content, please acknowledge '*Gooseberry Planet Limited*' as the source of your advice. Thank you.



Gooseberry Student 'Information' of the week

Laws are created to help protect us and can help us understand right from wrong. Laws have their own specific consequences. Did you know that it is against the law to create, store or share certain things (like rude images of yourself) online? It might even lead to the involvement of the police.

Think about the consequences before sharing anything online. Being aware of what is and is not acceptable might help you to make safer decisions, avoid regrets and help you and others to stay within the law.

Explore the topic:

- What are the risks of creating, storing or sharing risky/nude images online?
- Why might people decide to create, store or share risky/nude images online?
- Explain how these types of images might be used against you?
- What might happen if people create, store and share these types of images online?
- If you see something online that upsets you what must you do?



Key Messages: It is against the law to create, store or send indecent images of a child even if you are under 18 and even if the child consents. Never create, store or send risky images of yourself or others. Keep your body private.

Please share with students.

Gooseberry Teacher 'Opportunity' of the week



When children create and share explicit images online they put themselves at risk of widespread humiliation, bullying and a criminal record. When problems arise, a prompt response may help to reduce the damage, so it is wise to be prepared.

Remind students that as well as being unwise, it is illegal for them to take, store or send indecent images of themselves or another child (even if they have consented). Encourage them always to keep their bodies private.

Key Messages: Read your school's Safeguarding Policy or speak with your DSL if you have any questions about Youth Produced Sexual Imagery. How does your school promote and support students and parents regarding safer behaviours online?

Please share with staff.

Gooseberry Parent 'Message' of the week

It is not unusual for children to take photos of themselves and experiment with their identity online but nude images pose real risks of humiliation, bullying and a criminal record. When should you speak to your child about the types of images they are creating, storing or sharing online? Perhaps, in an age-appropriate way, from the moment they begin to use their digital devices to connect with others. Remind your child that as well as being unwise, it is illegal for them to take, store or send nude/explicit images of themselves or others (even with consent). Remind them to keep their bodies private. If you have a concern about this issue, seek advice from your school or from the police directly.

Key Messages: It is easy to feel spontaneous and less inhibited online without really thinking about the consequences. It is never a good idea to take, store or share any nude/explicit images online, regardless of your age.

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