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Dear parent/carer

I am writing to inform you of an e-safety lesson which the Year 6 pupils will be following to develop their awareness of safeguarding and which builds on the information discussed by the NSPCC last half term.

Sharing photos and videos online is part of daily life for many people, enabling them to share their experiences, connect with friends and record their lives. Photos and videos can be shared as text messages, email, posted on social media or increasingly via mobile messaging apps, such as Snapchat, WhatsApp or Facebook Messenger. 90% of 16-24 year olds and 69% of 12-15 year olds own a smartphone, giving them the ability to quickly and easily create and share photos and videos.

This increase in the speed and ease of sharing imagery has raised concerns about young people producing and sharing sexual imagery of themselves. This can expose them to risks, particularly if the imagery is shared further, including embarrassment, bullying and increased vulnerability to sexual exploitation. Producing and sharing sexual images of under 18s is also illegal.

We believe it is important for children to be aware of these risks and, as a result, Y6 pupils will be learning about the negative consequences of sharing nude selfies. I understand that this can be a sensitive subject, so I am writing to you to inform you that this lesson will take place this week in case your child approaches you with any questions. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss this further.

Below, you will find links to additional information regarding this topic.

Yours sincerely

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CEOP's Play, Like, Share; how to recognise pressuring and manipulative behaviour online:

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/playlikeshare/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/playlikeshare/)

NSPCC – information on sexting:

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

Advice for parents, schools and children on sexting:

[www.childline.org.uk/get-support/](http://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/)