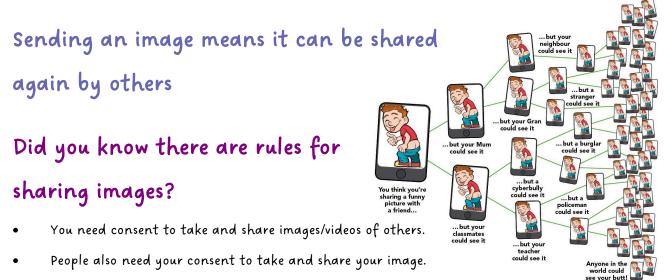


A guide to sharing pictures: Parent Factsheet

Think before you share

- With new technology families are sharing more of their lives online, including sharing pictures of their children.
- Children are using social media, videos, web cam, live streaming and texting. They are sharing more and more images of themselves, from an early age.



What is sexting?

- Sexting is sending an indecent image.
- It can lead to online bullying, grooming or emotional stress.
- It is a criminal offence

If your child is over 10 and has or sends an indecent image of someone under the age of 18, it is a criminal offence.

- The police can get involved.
- Your child could receive a criminal record and be placed on the Sex Offenders Register.
- This could harm their future.

What you can do to help keep your child safe online

- Discuss regularly with your child what they like to take pictures or videos of? Who do they share them with?
- Regularly remind them to think before they share. Any image they send of themselves can also be shared again by others.
- If you are concerned with anything you or your child has seen or asked to do, please call Childline or tell your child's school.