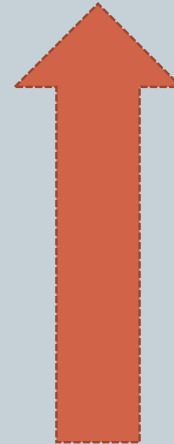# INTERNET SAFETY

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Purpose of the evening

- To address the increasing concerns of staff and parents regarding internet safety.

- Number of incidents related to
    - Social Media
    - Sexting
    - Inappropriate images

- "Technology is all around us. It's helping to change the way we do things, opening up new opportunities for us all. Used in the right way, it can have huge educational and social benefits too."

- We want our children to be connected and creative.

But

- We want our children to be safe and responsible.

This is not about setting lots of rules.

- "In the mobile world, children are only as safe as the least protected child in the school."

- "Research shows that heavy restrictions and monitoring don't make children safer."

"If we want to protect our children online we have to accept there is a degree of risk. The key is to stop that risk turning into harm."

- Equipping pupils with the right information and skills to enable them to make good and safe decisions.

Action point

- Have the conversation with your child about what to do if they come across something online that disturbs them."

- What might disturb them?

- Images
- Comments
- Dares/crazes
- Someone asking for personal details

Who is your child with?

- Would you leave your child upstairs in their bedroom with a stranger?

Action points

- So – how do we find the balance between controlling and protecting?

- Talk, talk, talk.
- Share log in details.
- Define 'friends.'
- Mobile devices not in bedroom during the night.

Cyberbullying

- "Cyberbullying is when a person uses technology to abuse, harass or humiliate someone repeatedly over the internet."

- Listen and believe.
- Don't retaliate.
- Save and block.

- Malicious Communications Act

Responsibility?

Who is Responsible?

- Police
- School
- Home

Sexting

- Be proactive – have the conversation before anything happens.
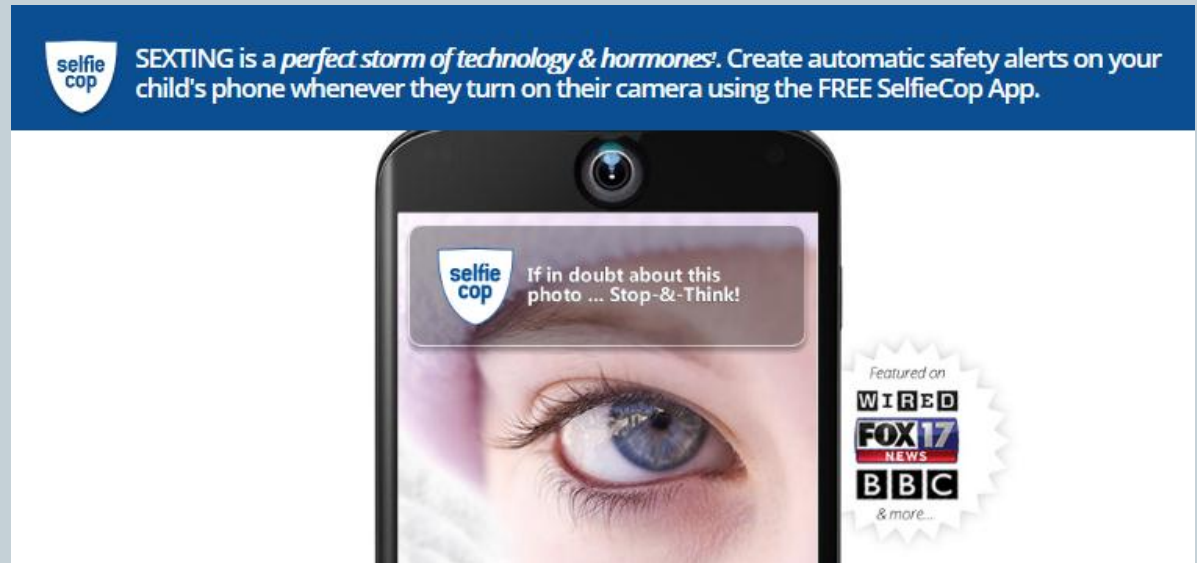- Stay calm and supportive.

- Nude Selfies: What Parents need to know

Selfie Cop

App that Automatically sends any image sent from child's phone to your phone.

SEXTING is a *perfect storm of technology & hormones¹*. Create automatic safety alerts on your child's phone whenever they turn on their camera using the FREE SelfieCop App.

selfie cop If in doubt about this photo ... Stop-&-Think!

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Internet and studying

- Very useful.
- Online Past Papers.
- Revision websites.
- BBC Bitesize.
- Khan Academy.
- Super Maths World.
- Subject and teacher specific.

- How much screen time?

Parental Controls

- The best parental control is open and honest dialogue.

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- Digital natives.
- At times, limited sense of appropriateness.
- Speed of communication.
- Sending images.
- Conscious about online image.

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- Digital learners.
- Sense of appropriateness.
- Slower speed of communication.
- Playground humour.
- Past caring about image!

- Conversations about online activity must become an integral part of growing up.

- Smoking.
- Alcohol.
- Relationships.
- Online activity.