



Parents and Carers (Secondary)

Protect your children from sexual abuse online

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This presentation will cover:



- Young people online
- Sex and relationships online
- Sexual abuse online
- What can you do?
- Thinkuknow resources for secondary
- Thinkuknow resources for parents and carers
- Reporting to NCA-CEOP



What is Thinkuknow?



Thinkuknow is the education programme provided by CEOP.

Thinkuknow offers resources for different audiences:

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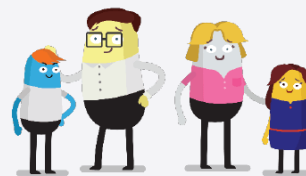
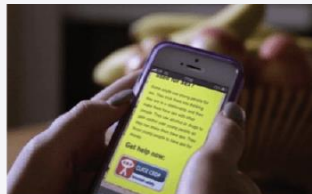
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Parents
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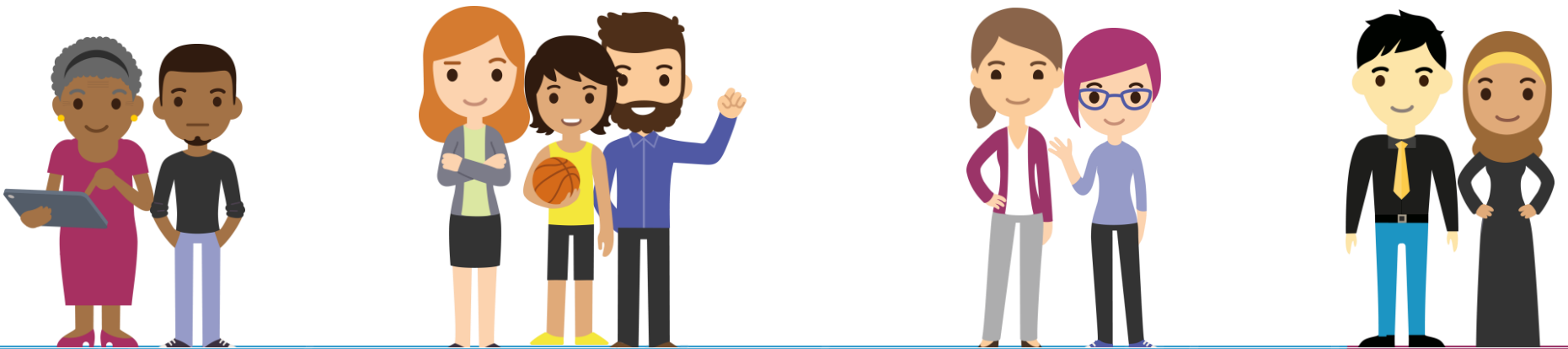


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Children and young people online

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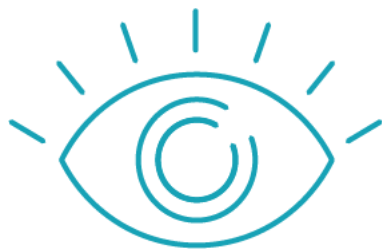
Understanding apps, sites and games



Sharing



Chatting

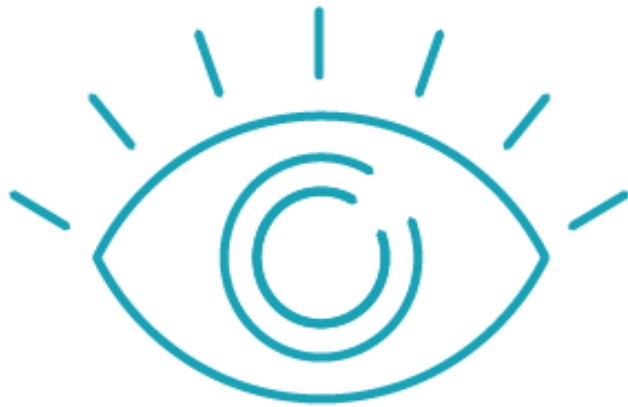


Viewing



Friending

Understanding apps, sites and games



Viewing

- Anyone can post and share content
- There may be inappropriate, sexual or violent content online
- Most apps and games include privacy and security settings
- Parental controls and filters can also help manage what they see

Understanding apps, sites and games



Sharing

- Sharing pictures and videos can be fun and creative and it helps young people to express themselves.
- It's easy to share online
- Young people should never feel pressurised, uncomfortable or blackmailed
- Look out for others by not sharing inappropriate content

Understanding apps, sites and games



Chatting



Friending

- Chatting and meeting new people can be fun and appealing
- Most people just want to chat or be friends, but some seek to harm
- Advise them not to share too much personal information
- Talk to a trusted adult if anything worries them

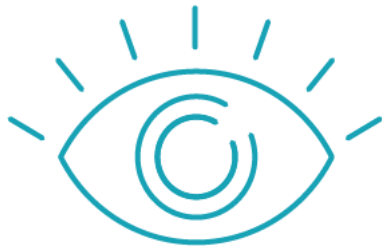
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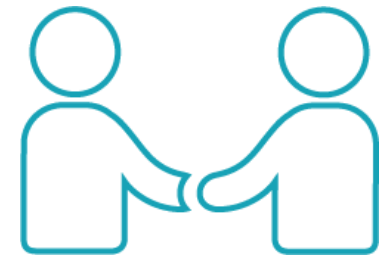
Sharing
What can you share?



Chatting
Who can you talk to? How? Where?



Viewing
What kinds of content do you see?

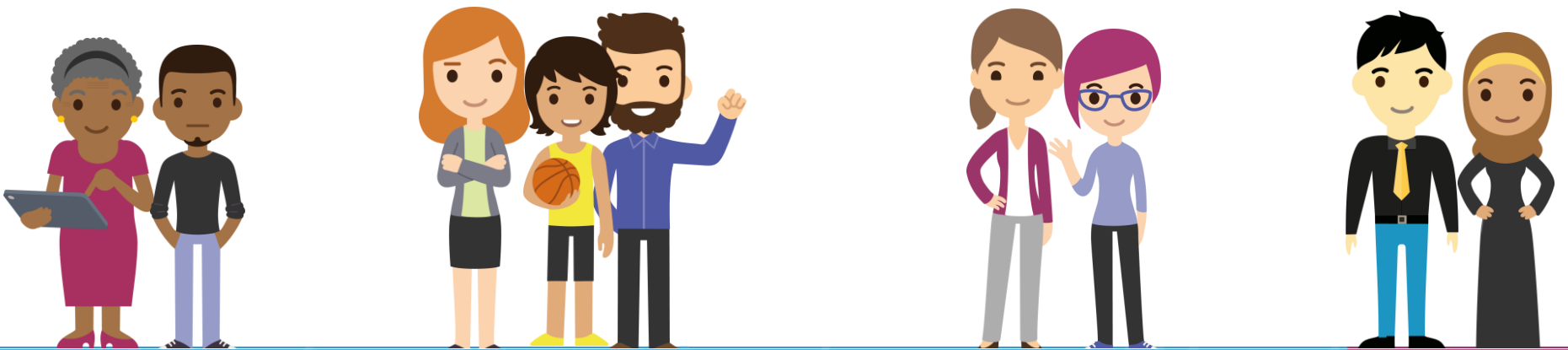


Friending
Who can you be friends with?



Sex and relationships online

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The World Changes. Children Don't.



Sexual exploration online



- Exploring friendships online *can* create opportunities for young people to gain support.
- It's natural for young people to start exploring their sexual feelings online.
- Talking to new people online can feel exciting to young people, but they could be contacted by people who pose a risk to them.
- Risk-taking is a normal part of growing up.



Sexual exploration online



“I think a lot of difficult conversations can be easier by messaging ‘cos it’s easier to have a bit of time to think... Like, so you’re not really on the spot, you can just have a bit of time to think. And you can stay a bit more calm.”

Young person, 14

“Being able to find people online is, like, an easy way to test the waters. To, like, experiment or to, like, reaffirm your own sexuality and stuff like that.”

Young person, 15

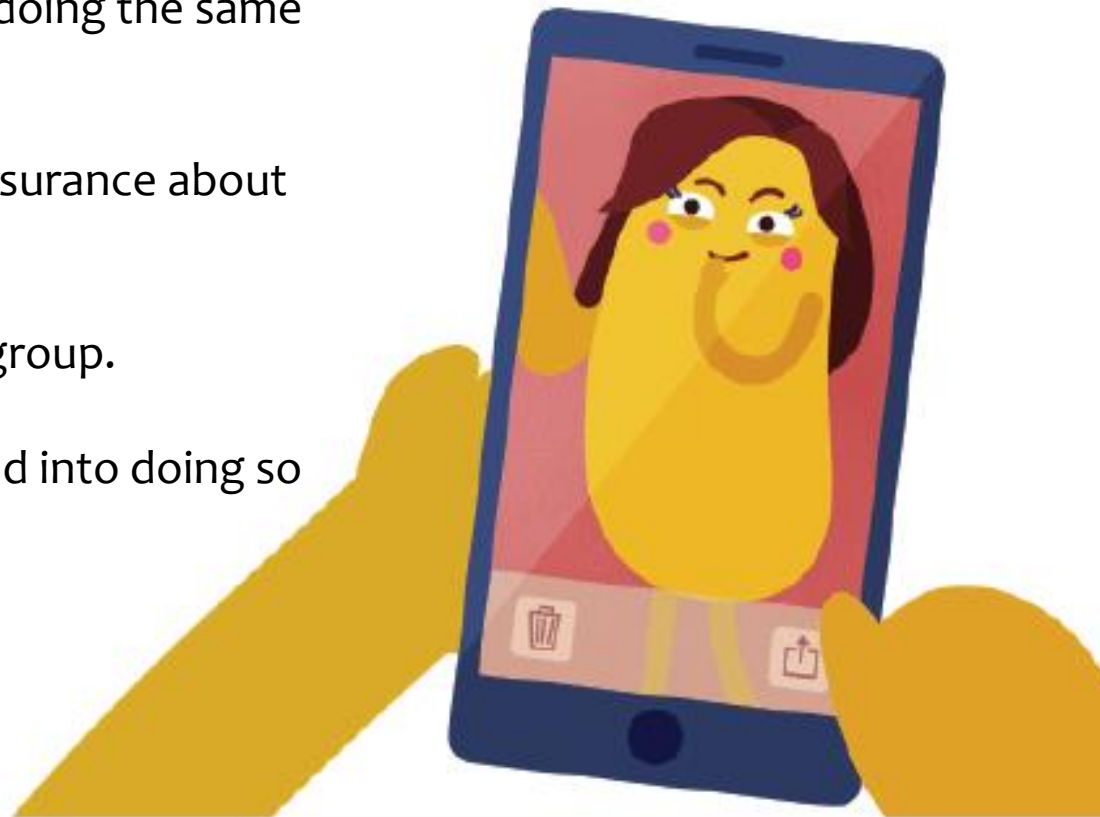


Sharing images



Young people may share naked or semi-naked images of themselves for a variety of reasons:

- As part of a committed and trusting relationship
- To fit in with friends that may be doing the same thing.
- Because they are looking for reassurance about body image.
- For fun or humour within a peer group.
- Because they have been pressured into doing so by another person.

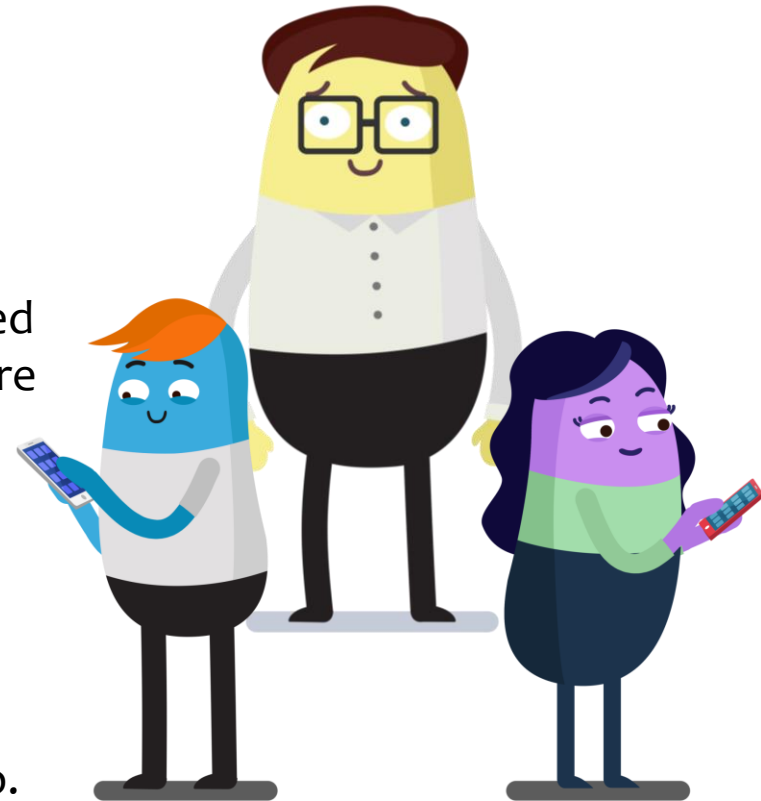


Talking to your child about sharing images



Talking to your child about relationships, sex and nude images is the best thing that you can do to help keep them safe.

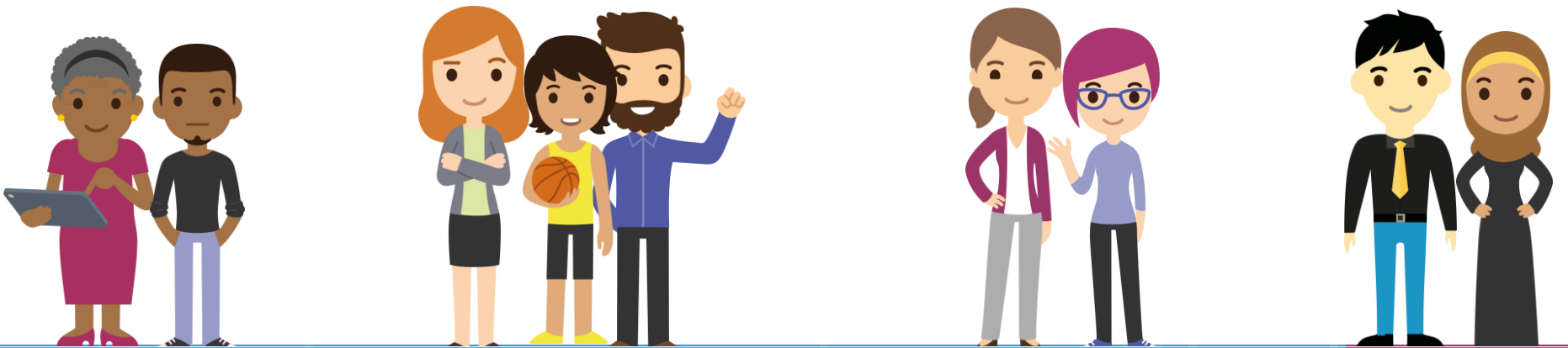
- Avoid appearing judgemental, or saying ‘don’t do it’
- Even when nude images are shared with trusted friends and partners, there's a chance that more people could end up seeing them
- Discuss what a healthy relationship looks like, including the importance of trust and consent
- Remind them that no one should be pressured into sharing a nude image if they don’t want to.





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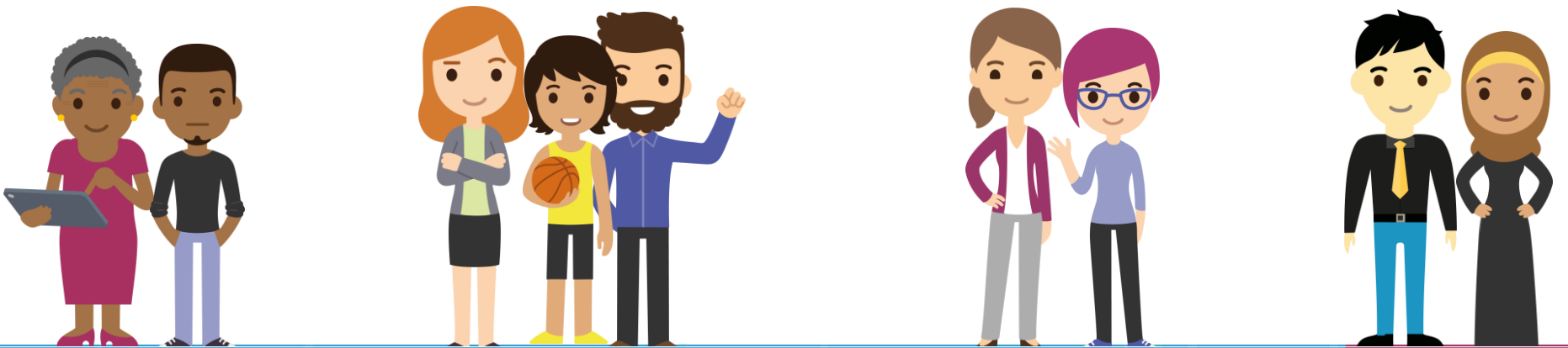
- There are opportunities for adults to contact children and young people online, in order to harm them. They can use any part of the internet including games, social media, live streaming platforms.
- Adults can create multiple online identities and even pretend to be children and young people themselves.
- Adults can exploit young people's natural curiosity by talking about sex and introducing harmful things.
- Adults can pressure, intimidate and coerce children into doing things that they are not ready for. Increasingly children and young people are tricked into sexual activity over live video.





What can you do?

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Chat little and often

- Talk to your child about their life online
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- Explain any worries you may have



Report anything that worries them



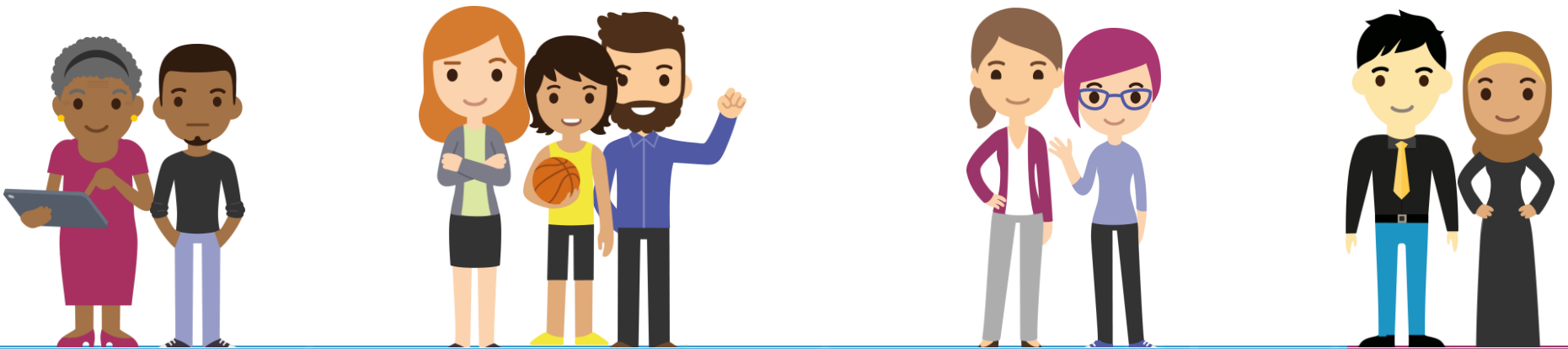
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Thinkuknow teen websites



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You. Your friends. The Internet.

Keeping yourselves safe,
keeping the internet fun.

HELP! >

Need advice? >

Dr English News JUN

This block features a background image of a young man and woman looking at a smartphone. A large white box with a green border contains the text 'You. Your friends. The Internet.' and 'Keeping yourselves safe, keeping the internet fun.' To the right, a smaller white box with a green border contains a grid of four thumbnails. The top-left thumbnail shows a hand holding a smartphone with the text 'HELP!' and a right-pointing arrow. The top-right thumbnail shows a young woman sitting on a bench with the text 'Need advice?' and a right-pointing arrow. The bottom-left thumbnail shows a news article snippet with the text 'Dr English News' and 'JUN'. The bottom-right thumbnail is partially obscured. A 'THINK U KNOW' logo is in the top left corner of the block.

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Sex. Relationships. The Internet.

Three things that get a little bit
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HELP! >

Need advice? >

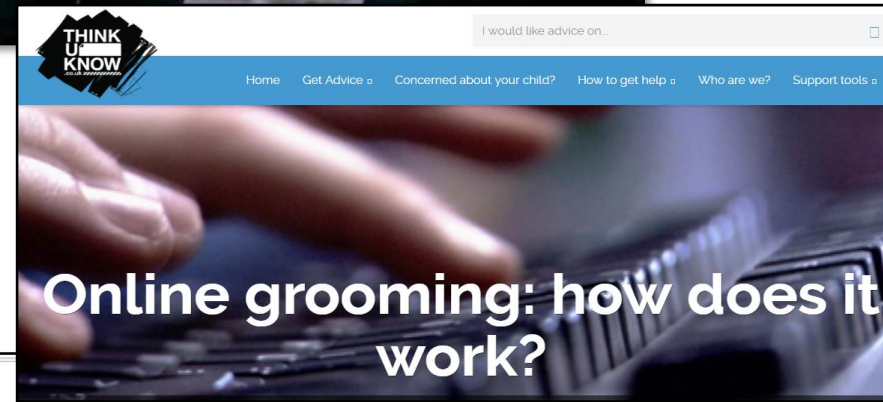
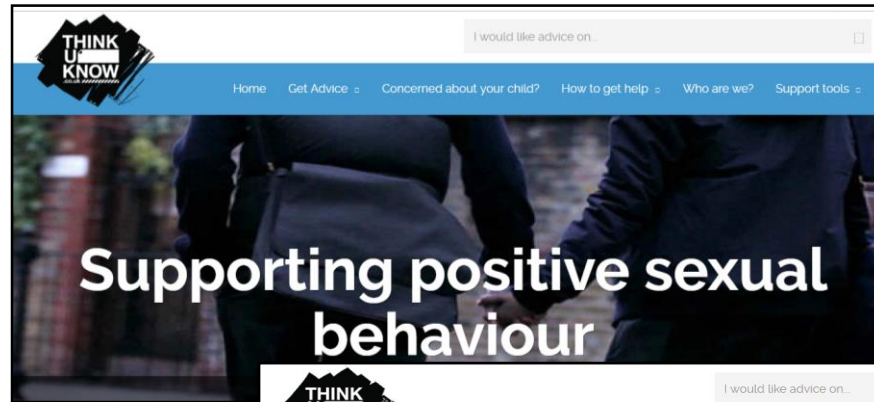
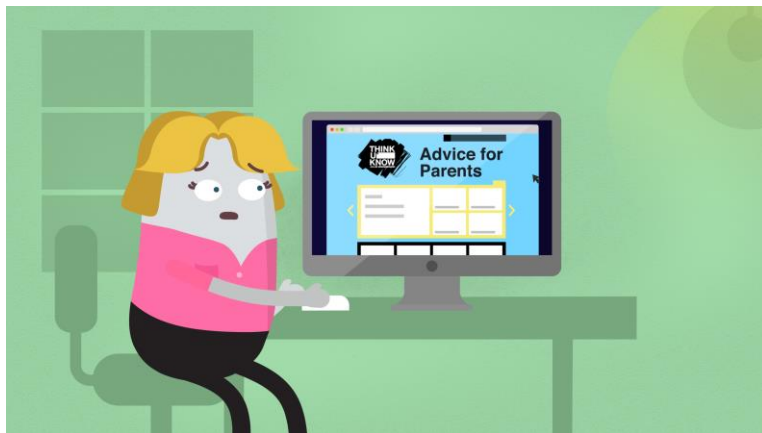
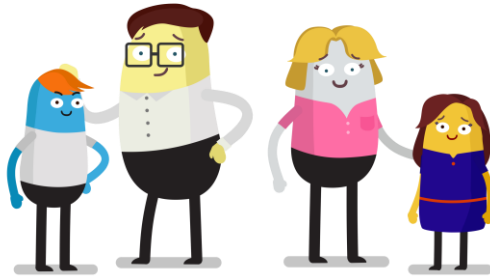
Got a question? >

Celebrities apologise for
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JAN 2

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Resources for Parents and Carers





Help and advice for families in a digital world

Parent Info is a collaboration between [Parent Zone](#) and [NCA-CEOP](#), providing support and guidance for parents from [leading experts and organisations](#).

Games, apps
and tech

Parenting

Safety and
settings

Relationships
and sex

Education and
the future

Health and
wellbeing

Reporting to NCA-CEOP – www.ceop.police.uk



This is a screenshot of the CEOP website's main page. At the top left is the CEOP logo, which includes the text 'A National Crime Agency command'. To its right is the text 'Child Exploitation and Online Protection command'. On the top right, there is a dark blue bar with the text 'If you need to hide this site quickly, just click here' and a red 'Quick exit' button with a white person icon. The main content area has a white background with a large blue heading: 'Are you worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with you online?'. Below this is a sub-heading: 'Make a report to one of CEOP's Child Protection Advisors'. There are three grey boxes arranged horizontally, each with a blue heading and a right-pointing arrow: 'Should I make a report to CEOP?', 'What happens when I make a report?', and 'How can CEOP help me?'. Each box contains a short paragraph of text. At the bottom of the page, there are three blue boxes with white icons: a computer monitor with a sad face, two gears, and a pencil writing on a notepad with a question mark. The bottom of the page features a blue background with a pattern of white question marks and a purple bar on the right with the text 'Parents and carers'.

Other organisations who can support



childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME
childline.org.uk | 0800 1111



Nude image of you online?
We can help take it down.



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Staying up to date:



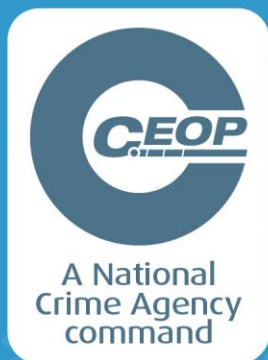
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