



## MESSAGE FROM HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Hampshire Constabulary will carry out thorough investigations into matters of children sharing explicit videos or photos of another child on social media and will speak to anyone who has a connection with these incidents.

The advice from the police remains the same; if a child or young person receives an inappropriate image or video on any social media platform, be it Snapchat, Instagram, WhatsApp or any other channel, they should delete it immediately and tell a trusted adult, for example a teacher or parent.

It is really important that they understand that if they show an indecent image or video to someone else or forward it on to other people, they could be committing a crime and we want to stop that happening. We have been clear that we do not want to criminalise children and that they will not be in trouble if they have made a genuine mistake.

Sadly, we are seeing more offences where children and young people are being targeted by offenders who conceal their identities and know where to go online to access and initiate false friendships with children.

No-one is immune to the dangers and so it is vital we support children and young people in knowing how to keep themselves safe on-line and to minimise risk. Please discuss this with your children and encourage them to talk to you or another trusted adult if they have any worries or concerns. They can also call ChildLine 08001111 if they really don't feel comfortable talking to someone face-to-face.

If you have any concerns about the safety of your children online or would like to know more, there is further support and advice for children and parents available on the CEOP website.

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>.

### Awareness - Snapchat

Other headteachers in Basingstoke and Dean have become aware of a worrying and extreme form of communication accessed through Snapchat. To date we have not had it reported to us at The Clere.

Young people and students are being targeted and asked to film or take pictures of risk taking and criminal activities and post them to a male, suspected to be in his twenties, based in London. This includes sexually explicit images and violence. These images are then uploaded to a site called F\*\*KHILLARY, which can be viewed using the username hilly4r, which is changed frequently. This male also contacts young people and arranges to meet them.

The police are aware of this individual and further reports have been made across Basingstoke schools.

Please be vigilant in knowing what your child is recording and using on their phones/devices and who they are communicating with.

If you have any concerns, please contact the police and the school.