

Child Criminal Exploitation

Signs

Persistent missing episodes
Excessive receipt of texts/calls from unknown numbers
Regularly presenting with new phones/clothes, or money
Potential carrying of weapons
Substance misuse

Reporting

Seek immediate guidance from the DSL/Deputy as a referral to Police/Children's Social Care may be required

Child Sexual Exploitation

Signs

Staying out late with no explanation
Secretive approach about who they spend time with
More time spent online/on devices
Having older girlfriend/boyfriend
Signs of physical abuse (bruising, bite marks etc)

Reporting

Seek immediate guidance from the DSL/Deputy as a referral to Police/Children's Social Care may be required

Prevent/Channel

Signs

Withdrawal from family/friends
Scripted type discussion about political issues
Secretive approach to online behaviours/activity
Use of extremist terms/ideological phrases
Possession of extreme literature/accessing extremist websites
Possession of weapons
Known to join specific groups on social media (EDL etc)

Reporting

Report via CPOMS and follow up with DSL/Deputy to ascertain if a Channel referral is required

Peer on Peer Abuse

Signs

Inappropriate/unwanted touching or sexualised behaviours
Becoming withdrawn from friends
Mental wellbeing seems to decline
Overly clingy with adults
Increasing absenteeism
Potential self-harm issues

Reporting

As normal, via CPOMS, unless serious, such as Sexual Abuse. Which would be reported immediately to the DSL and then on to Police

Sharing of Nude/Semi-Nude Images

Info

Previously known as 'Sexting'
Can be a form of CSE if the images are being obtained through force or coercion
Images can often be shared without need for internet access (via Airdrop for instance)

Signs

Overly sexualised behaviours
Talking about relationships with older partners
Change in presentation, such as wearing more make-up, or tighter, more revealing clothing

Online Safety

Signs

Hiding away and becoming withdrawn from friends and family
Excessive use of a variety of social media sites and devices

What can we do?

Use opportunities in the curriculum to share reminders about safe internet/device use—this may be when completing work on computers or setting research tasks

Reporting

Use CPOMS and alert us as with any other safeguarding issue