



Internet Watch Foundation

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Dear parents,

As a school all children learn about online safety and how to use the internet with kindness in computing and PSHE lessons. In addition our children usually attend the 'Into The Net' play in Year 4 which supports learning about internet safety in an interesting way. In recent years we have developed positive relationships with our local School Beat officer, PC Weedon, who has worked with our Year 6 children on issues they are likely to face in Y6 and as they transition to secondary school and PC Peters who leads assemblies/workshops with children outside of Year 6.

We share the information below from the DfE with you to offer you another opportunity to engage with online safety at home if relevant. I know you are committed to supporting your children in every way and many of you have children at secondary as well as primary.

With many thanks for your continued support,

Zoe Avastu

Headteacher

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“Self-generated” child sexual abuse material.

In the last year, [“self-generated” child sexual abuse imagery](#) has increased by 77% and is a third of all child sexual abuse material identified and removed from the internet. These included images of

girls aged 11 to 13 whose abuse had been recorded via a webcam in a domestic setting.

To help prevent the creation of this type of abusive imagery, a campaign has been launched by the [Internet Watch Foundation](#) (IWF) backed by the Home Office and Microsoft. It aims to help raise awareness of this type of criminality among parents and carers of young teens, empower and educate girls aged 11 to 13+ to spot the techniques used by sexual predators and give them the knowledge to Block, Report, Tell someone they trust.

It is a national campaign running from Wednesday 21 April for six weeks. You can find out more on the [IWF website](#), as well as specific sites for [parents](#) and [young people](#).