

# Sexting



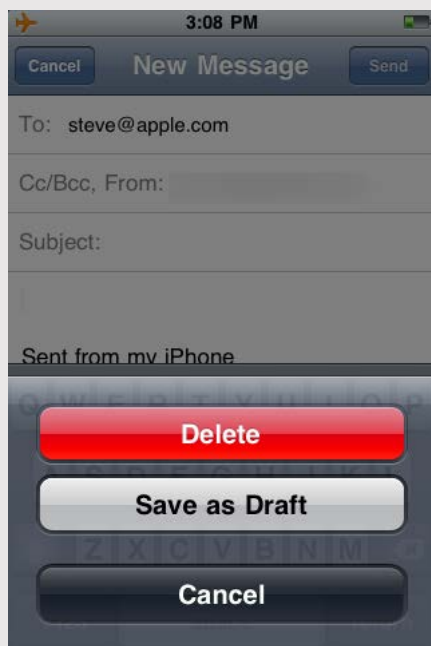
*Sending of sexually explicit messages/images via text and email.*

Misconception that only girls send images; common 'sexts' include images of young boys exposing themselves or boys who have requested girls to remove their clothing.

Sexting is on the increase in the UK – the local police report that this is a problem across all Sandwell schools – incidents involving students from George Salter Academy.

# Advice to students . . .

*The safest way is to not take such photos - or allow them to be taken.*



In the United Kingdom, it is **illegal** to **take, make, distribute, show or possess an indecent image of a child under 18.**

The maximum sentence is 10 years imprisonment.

Registered as a sex-offender

If you send a 'sext' you can be found **guilty** of distributing child pornography.

If you receive and save a 'sext' you can be found **guilty** of being in possession of child pornography.

If you upload a photo to a social networking profile, where photos are visible to the public you are in breach of website terms and **guilty** of distributing child pornography.

Images can and have been the subject of child pornography for distribution among strangers and paedophiles.

# What you need to know

If you are worried that students may be receiving or even sending indecent images on their mobile phone, you should talk to them about the consequences of their actions. Make them aware that once the image has been sent, they have lost control of that image and anyone can potentially have a look at it.

Report it to Richard Reeve/Tash Good/Imran Iqbal;

*What if Richard, Tash or Imran are not here?*

Report to Head of House/Pastoral Manager who in turn will report it to the local MASH Team

