

# Safe@HavenHigh

## The HHA Safeguarding Team

The Safeguarding Team at Haven High Academy can offer pupils, parents and their family resources, advice, signposting and referrals that promote children's safety and wellbeing. Our aim is that all the children at Haven High have the best possible outcomes. Please get in touch if you are worried about a child, have any questions or would like more information about this topic.

## What is Misogyny?

Misogyny is hate against women and girls.

- Catcalling
- Objectifying women and girls
- Gender stereotyping
- Prejudice behaviour
- Exclusion of women and girls from certain spaces
- Sexual harassment

It can cause women and girls to feel powerless, afraid and angry.

## Misogyny Online

Misogyny is not new but the internet has created more widespread exposure to it. Children may come across it in both subtle and obvious ways. Misogyny is largely found in videos, images and forums or comment sections.

- Name-calling or slurs
- language suggesting women and girls are lesser than men
- Pornographic or vulgar images or photos
- Content that puts down women

## The Links Between Online Pornography and Misogyny

By the age of 9, 10% of children have already seen pornography, increasing to 27% by 11. The abuse of women across pornography online exposes children and young people to misogyny. It normalises harmful behaviour and causes confusion in young people who are exposed about what is healthy.

**If unchallenged, misogyny can lead to sexual harassment and sexual violence**

## Three Ways to Tackle Misogyny in Children

### 1. Talk about it

- Keep talking about misogyny and online hate even when the news isn't.
- Tackle the tough topics before they find out somewhere else
- Ask them to tell you what they know
- Make these conversations a normal part of everyday life.

### 2. Understand the pressures

- Pressures from social media, friends and society could impact their thoughts and actions.
- Discuss how their friends might impact their actions
- Work together to set boundaries
- Show them how and when to seek support

### 3. Challenge the narrative

- People who promote misogyny prepare their followers for rejection. Challenge this.
- Instead of telling a child these ideas are wrong, ask them to talk about their beliefs.
- Ask critical thinking questions in a calm and positive way.



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