

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.

Parent's Guide to Sextortion

Sextortion is threatening to post nudes or sexual images of you, your child or a friend online

Teenage boys in particular are at risk of sextortion, but what is the process the criminals might go through?

1. Connect with a teenager using one of the social media apps or games
2. Encourage them to move onto a platform with video, possibly encrypted
3. Start a conversation which quickly turns sexual
4. Encourage them to put on their video camera
5. The criminal usually posing as a teenage girl either makes excuses why their camera isn't working or possibly even uses a pre-recorded video
6. The teenager is encouraged to remove their clothing or to perform intimate activity
7. The criminal makes a recording made of the activity
8. Blackmail statement made

To find out more about this new phenomena please follow the link below:

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/sextortion/>

What To Do If Your Child Is A Victim of Sextortion

- Do not blame the child, they are not to blame.
- Do not pay or engage further with the person asking for money. Stop all communication.
- If your child still has copies of the images, videos, or links to the website the images are on, don't delete them. Report the images using the Report Remove tool here:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/report-remove/>.

- Contact the police on 101. You can also make a report online, here:
<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>.
- Support your child without blaming them. You can get support, advice and help from the [NSPCC](#) on 0800 800 5000 or advice from the police
- Speak to the Safeguarding Team at school



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