

Our Ref: Safeguarding//PDE/LFo

2nd May 2024

FAO Parents/Guardians

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: Communication on behalf of Northamptonshire Police
'Sextortion'**

The below statement and attached information, issued by Northamptonshire Police has been shared with us most recently. Our purpose in sharing this with you today is not to alarm but to inform you of this ever-increasing risk to our children and young people. We would urge you to read through the information provided and visit the sites suggested.

We will, in due course, be educating and raising awareness with our pupils – ensuring that messaging is appropriate for age.

There has been an increase in reporting of children and young people, particularly teenage males, being forced into paying money or meeting another financial demand after an adult offender has threatened to release nudes or semi-nudes of them. This is financially motivated sexual extortion, sometimes referred to as 'sextortion', and is a form of child sexual abuse.

The National Crime Agency has issued an alert to education settings that provides advice on how to:

- recognise the signs of financially motivated sexual extortion
- raise awareness and support children to seek help
- support victims

Visit the [CEOP Education's website](https://www.ceop.police.uk) to download the alert and a template letter for parents and carers with advice on how to talk to their child about financially motivated sexual extortion, and how to support them if they become a victim.

Support and guidance, as well as an option to report an incident can be found at:

<https://www.ceop.police.uk>

For guidance in getting images removed when they are posted online please see below:

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

<https://takeitdown.ncmec.org/>

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If you have reason to believe your child is victim of such extortion or any other type of online criminal activity, grooming etc., then please contact the Police in the first instance via 101, or 999 if you believe your child to be in immediate danger.

We hope you find this information useful and informative. As always, the safety of all children at The Duston School is paramount. If you have any concerns regarding this information and your child and would like to speak with a member of the safeguarding team then please don't hesitate in contacting us.

Yours faithfully,



Mr P Dewes
Vice Principal
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Attachments: NCA Statement