



**Warblington
School**

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Dear parent/carers

I thought it was important to write to you to update you on an ongoing investigation relating to online offences against children. You may already be aware of a man explicitly exposing himself online to several children using a 'live chat' on Instagram. We have had a number of reports of this nature locally in recent weeks, the first report was on June 9. A thorough investigation into is ongoing, we are working with schools and other partners to gather as much information as possible to identify who is responsible.

Our advice children and young people who see this kind of video on any social media platform, be it Snapchat, Instagram, WhatsApp, Facebook or any other channel is to exit the chat and tell trusted adult, a teacher or parent for example.

Sadly, we are seeing more offences where young people are being targeted by offenders who conceal their identities, and know where to go online to access children. No one is immune to the dangers of this. Please discuss this with your children and encourage them to talk to you and another trusted adult if they have any worries or concerns.

If you have any concerns about the safety of your children online or would like to know more, there is further support and advice for children and parents on the CEOP website www.thinkuknow.co.uk <<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>>.

The 'Let's keep kids safe online hub provided by O2 and the NSPCC also provides articles on everything including setting up parental controls. <https://www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc/child-protection>

Please do avoid speculating about the investigation while officers carry out enquiries. I'd ask you not post anything on social media, instead, if you have information that could help please call 101 and quote 44180217129.

Many thanks for your support

Havant District Chief Inspector Clare Jenkins