**Parents/carers Questionnaire**

### **Briefing Page**

This page contains information about taking part in the study. Please read it carefully so that you can decide whether you want to complete the questionnaire.

**What is this project about?**

* It aims to tackle sexual bullying and harassment amongst children by developing a range of resource materials for schools and parents/carers.
* We want to empower children to be able to recognise online harassment, and to have the knowledge and confidence on how and who to report it to.

**Who is collecting the data?**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The project will be conducted in accordance with the ethical standards of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and has been approved by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Who should take part?**

We are looking for parents/carers who have at least one child aged under 16 who lives with them full time, and whose child is a regular user of the internet, social media or gaming.

**What sort of questions will be asked?**

If you agree to participate, you will be asked questions about:

* Your knowledge and concerns about sexual bullying, online behaviour and safety.
* The actions you currently take to keep your child safe online.
* Types of help and support you need to help keep your child safe online.

**If you feel that answering questions about this issue would cause you any distress, please do not participate. If any distress or concerns arise as a result of taking part, details of sources of support and information will be provided in the debrief at the end.**

Completing the questionnaire should take approximately 20 minutes.

**Who can see my data and what will it be used for?**

* The results of the research will be combined and be published in reports, as well as informing the development of education and training resources for the parents/carers and young people. The overall results will also be used to write research papers, inform policy-makers and be disseminated using \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [name of your organisation]’s communication channels (e.g., social media, website).
* Participation in this study is completely voluntary, and all data is completely confidential and anonymous.
* The data will be held on a secure password protected database for \_\_\_\_ years, and only the project researchers will have access to it.
* All data will be stored and processed according to current Data Protection Legislation (e.g., \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).

**Can I change my mind about taking part?**

* You can withdraw from this study until the point of submitting the completed questionnaire by closing the browser window or not clicking ‘submit’. However, once you have submitted your responses, you will not be able to withdraw as all data is anonymous and individual responses cannot be identified.

By completing the questionnaire and submitting your data, you are giving consent to take part in the study.

Many thanks

[Add name and contact details of those running the research]

**Who can I speak to if I have any concerns about this research study?**

If you wish to raise any concerns with somebody who is independent of the research team, please contact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

**About you/Demographic screening questions**

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| **What is your age?** |  |

**What is your gender?**

* Female
* Male
* Transgender female
* Transgender male
* Prefer to self-describe (Please enter a comment)

**What is your ethnicity?**

**Your family**

**Which of the following best describes your parental/family status? (select all that apply)**

* I have sole responsibility for my child
* I have shared responsibility for my child
* I am a biological parent
* I am a step-parent
* I am a foster/carer
* I am someone else who has responsibility for a child

**Do you have children under 18? If so, what ages are they?**

**Have a box child 1, child 2, child 2, child 4**

**Thinking of child 1, age X, what is their gender?**

* All male
* All female
* I have non-binary children
* I have both children of different gender identities

**The questions asked in the rest of the questionnaire will ask about your concerns and actions in relation to one of your children.**

**There are no right or wrong answers. People have different levels of concern and worries. You are encouraged to respond according to your own situation and instincts.**

**While we realise the subject is sensitive, your answers are very important in providing a good foundation for creating appropriate teaching and educational resources and materials on this important topic.**

**Your online usage**

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| 1. How often have you used the following online sites or services in the last year? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | **Never heard of** | **Heard of, but never used** | | | **Less than once a month** | | **Every month** | | | **Every week** | | | **Every day** | | |
| 1. YouTube | **** | **** | | | **** | | **** | | | **** | | | **** | | |
| 1. Instagram | **** | **** | | | **** | | **** | | | **** | | | **** | | |
| 1. Facebook or Facebook messenger | **** | **** | | | **** | | **** | | | **** | | | **** | | |
| 1. WhatsApp | **** | **** | | | **** | | **** | | | **** | | | **** | | |
| 1. Snapchat | **** | **** | | | **** | | **** | | | **** | | | **** | | |
| 1. Twitter | **** | **** | | | **** | | **** | | | **** | | | **** | | |
| 1. Tumblr | **** | **** | | | **** | | **** | | | **** | | | **** | | |
| 1. Tik Tok 2. Playstation/Xbox | **** | **** | | | **** | | **** | | | **** | | | **** | | |
| 1. **How often do you/partner generally do the following?** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | | **Never** | **Not very often** | | **Sometimes** | | | **A lot** | | **All the time** | | |
| 1. Talking to child about staying safe online | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. Have rules about internet use | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. Parental supervision of mobile/tablet at bedtime | | | |  |  | |  | | |  | |  | | |
| 1. Parental supervision of internet use | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. Awareness of minimum age for social media  |  | | --- | |  | | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. **How much do you agree with the following?** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | | **Strongly disagree** | | **Disagree** | **Neither** | | **Agree** | | | | **Strongly agree** | |
| 1. I talk to my child about online issues only if I see a problem. | | | | **** | | **** | **** | | **** | | | | **** | |
| 1. I feel confident in talking to my child about online issues if they tell me there is a problem | | | | **** | | **** | **** | | **** | | | | **** | |
| 1. I feel confident in talking to my child about online issues if someone else (family/friend/school) tell me there is a problem | | | | **** | | **** | **** | | **** | | | | **** | |
| 1. I talk to my child about online behaviour whether or not there is an issue | | | | **** | | **** | **** | | **** | | | | **** | |
| 1. **How often do you/partner generally talk to your child about the following?** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | | **Never** | **Not very often** | | **Sometimes** | | | **A lot** | | **All the time** | | |
| 1. Romantic relationships | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. Sexual development/changes | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. Body images | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. Emotional well-being | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. Friendships | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. Sexual orientation | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. What constitutes appropriate sexual/relationship behaviour | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. Consent | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. How to be a good friend | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. How to deal with conflict | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. How to ask for help | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. **How much do you agree that the following are reasons why you/partner find it difficult to speak to your child about online safety?** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | | **Strongly disagree** | **Disagree** | | **Neither** | | | **Agree** | | **Strongly agree** | | |
| 1. Lack of time | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. Understanding the apps/sites/technology they use | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. Feeling embarrassed | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. Lack of understanding of online risks | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. Lack of understanding of online safety actions | | | |  |  | |  | | |  | |  | | |
| 1. Lack of confidence | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. Fear of encouraging behaviour | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. They receive education about this at school | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. Don’t feel it is appropriate to talk to them about this issue | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. Concern about causing conflict | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. Concern about embarrassing them | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |
| 1. Concern that they know more than me | | | | **** | **** | | **** | | | **** | | **** | | |

1. **How concerned are you about your child engaging in the following online behaviours or having these experiences?**

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|  | **Not at all concerned** | **Somewhat concerned** | **Concerned** | **Very concerned** |
| 1. Keeping something that happens to them online but worries them to themselves | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Damaging their reputation either now or in the future | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Cyberbullying their peers/friends | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Engaging in behaviours that could get then into trouble | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Being cyberbullied by peers/friends | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Seeing content which encourages them to hurt or harm themselves | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Taking a joke too far online | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Being blackmailed because of sexual images/videos (sextortion) | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Being influenced by extreme views whether political, social or religious | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Online sexual bullying by peers/friends | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Grooming/sexual exploitation by adults | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Exposure to pornography and other inappropriate content | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Making friends with inappropriate people | **** | **** | **** | **** |

**Online sexual bullying**

This survey is looking at **sexual bullying and cyberbullying which takes place online**.

This includes **sharing content** (e.g., images, videos, posts, messages) **with a sexual focus** (e.g., commenting on appearance, body parts, sexual orientation or sexual activity) in order to **bully, upset, threaten, humiliate, sexualise or discriminate** against someone or a group of people.

This can also take place **offline (e.g.,** calling people ‘slut’ or ‘sket’, catcalling, sexual assault) but we are focused on **online behaviours.**

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| 1. **How often do you think your child has witnessed the following behaviours online amongst their own peer group?** | | | | | |
|  | **Never** | **Rarely** | **Occasionally** | **Often** | **All of the time** |
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| 1. Other children saying nasty things online to girls about their bodies |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Other children using terms like ‘sket’ or ‘slut’ to describe females online in a mean way | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Other children posting sexual comments on an image of someone your child know | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Other children setting up a page/group on social media for people in your child’s school to share sexual gossip or images (‘bait out page’) | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Other children sharing on nude/nearly nude images/videos of someone your child knows | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Other children setting up fake profiles of someone sharing sexual images, comments or messages | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Other children using homophobic or transphobic language online (negative comments about being gay, lesbian or trans) | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Other children sending nude or nearly nude images or videos of themselves to another child they know 2. Other children sending other children sexual content without asking (I.e. pornography) | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Other children making sexual threats (e.g., rape threats) | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |

**Attitudes**

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| 1. **How much do you agree with the following?** | | | | | |
|  | **Strongly disagree** | **Disagree** | **Neither** | **Agree** | **Strongly agree** |
| 1. Girls are judged more harshly for sexual rumours shared about them online than boys | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. It’s okay for young people to send nude/nearly nude images of themselves if they want to | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. If a young person’s nude/nearly nude image is shared online, they are partly to blame | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Girls face more pressure than boys to send nude/nearly nude images | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. I think a girl is at fault if her nude/nearly nude image is posted online | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Young people spend too much time online/gaming/on social media | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Young people engaging in sexual behaviour online is very risky | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. If young people have problems online, they should stop using social media/gaming sites etc. | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |

**What would you do?**

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| 1. **How likely would you be to do the following if your child experienced sexual bullying online in the future?** | | | | |
|  | **Very**  **Unlikely** | **Unlikely** | **Not sure** | **Likely** | **Very**  **Likely** | |
| 1. Take no action | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Speak to Teacher/Schools | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Speak to Friends | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Speak to the Parents/carers of the children involved | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Speak directly to the children involved | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Report to a Social media/Gaming platform (e.g., Facebook, Snapchat, Roblox) | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Advise your child to block the people involved | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Speak to a Helpline (e.g., Childline) | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| 1. Report to CEOP/Police 2. Look online for help or information | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |

**Further Information**

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this study. The aim of this research is to develop further understanding of parental concerns about online sexual harassment and online safety, as well as the types of help and support they need.

Please remember that now you have submitted your answers, you will be unable to withdraw your data from the study.

**Sources of support and information**

If you would like further information on how you can keep your children safe online, please visit the following:

* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**If your child is currently experiencing online sexual** **harassment or other forms of victimisation, you should contact the relevant service provider or the police.**

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the project team using the details below.

Many thanks

[Add name and contact details of those running the research]

**If you have concerns about the research and you wish to raise them with somebody who is independent of the research team, please contact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**