

IT'S YOUR MOVE

Protect your child against online grooming

Talk openly

Have regular conversations with your child. Try to remain non-judgmental.



Share their online world

Reinforce the many positives to technology and the online world.



- Be a 'friend' or 'follower' on your child's social media accounts
 - How what apps your child is using
- · Make time to play online games your child

Report any concerns

Call the police immediately (on triple zero – 000) if you think your child is at risk.



Get help together

Victims of grooming often report feeling ashamed, powerless, betrayed, deceived. When you work together towards a resolution, they can feel begin to feel empowered again and, subsequently, less vulnerable in future.



Support your child

If you ever find out that something has gone wrong for your child in the online world, be sure to emphasize that it is not their fault.

Make time to listen openly and supportively.

Report online grooming to your local police.

You can also report child online sexual exploitation (grooming) via the Report Abuse button on either the ACCCE AFP or ThinkUKnow websites.

Collect Evidence

Before blocking anyone, or deleting any material, take screenshots in order to collect evidence (note times and dates).

Seek further support

Spend time together seeking out suitable options for counselling from individuals or organisations such as Kids Helpline, headspace, a school counselor or chaplain. Reach out to organisations such as Parentline in order to support yourself.

Don't let your child be a pawn in their game.