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USING AI TO ALTER IMAGES

AI image generator and moderator tools are widely available and often used by children. Whilst these tools can be used for creative purposes, we need to ensure our children are aware of the appropriate way in which to use them and the circumstances when they should not be used, even if harm is not intended.

What are AI image generator and moderator tools?

It is when Artificial Intelligence is used to create or modify images, for example it could be used to swap faces, change expressions or for more sinister reasons, such as to remove clothes. These images are often very realistic and therefore difficult to see that they are fake.

Privacy concerns and consent

If your child is using these tools, they need to be aware of potential loss of privacy and the importance of consent. They should know that they should only use images of other people with consent.

What does my child need to know about using these tools?

- Manipulation of images of friends or other children – if you are using images of other people, then consent must always be sought.
- The tools should not be used to create images that can embarrass or hurt others - this is a form of online bullying.

What should I do?

Chat to your child if they are using these tools and ascertain the reason why. Ask them to show you the images that they have created. Check the age ratings of any apps/websites that your child is using and set up appropriate parental controls. Develop your child's digital literacy by teaching them to recognise online risks and to behave responsibly online

Further information <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2025/artificial-intelligence-safety-tips-for-parents/>

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2025/02/18/understanding-imageconsent-at-schools/>



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7 Steps to Good Digital Parenting

The Family Online Safety Institute have created seven steps to assist you as a digital parent.

<https://fosi.org/program/7-steps-to-good-digital-parenting/>

Children's Commissioner launches new guide for parents and carers

The Children's Commissioner has released a new guide to help you in managing your child's digital life. The guide was written with direct involvement from children. It includes advice on setting boundaries such as no devices in the bedroom and how to chat to your child. You can find the guide here:



<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/blog/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-childrens-commissioner-launches-guide-for-parents-and-carers>