

Online grooming crimes have doubled since 2018, with victims as young as four, charity warns

More than 7,200 offences were recorded by police in the year to March - almost twice the number for the 12 months to March 2018, with instant messaging app Snapchat used in 40% of the cases where a tech platform was identified.

One in Five UK Parents Know a Child Who Has Been Blackmailed Online, NSPCC Warns

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IMPORTANT ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP: 10 DIGITAL UPDATES YOU NEED FOR 2026

From emerging AI-related risks and social media challenges to concerns around online safety and inappropriate contact, the digital world can feel complex for families to navigate.

To support parents and carers, Mrs Collins, our Deputy Head teacher, Designated Safeguarding and Online Safety Lead, will be running an important parent/carer workshop this February at High Green Primary School.

The session will focus on:

- understanding current online risks in an age-appropriate way
- practical websites, tools and tips to support children's safety online
- how schools and families can work together to promote safe, positive digital experiences

Keeping children safe online works best when schools and families form a strong partnership, and this workshop is designed to support exactly that.

WHEN: Tuesday 10th February 2026 - 9am

WHERE: HGPS hall

Please email: enquiries@highgreen.sheffield.sch.uk to reserve your place.

Sources:

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