

06.6 The Sending of Indecent Images from one person to another through Digital Media Devices, including nudes or semi-nudes

Under no circumstances should any member of staff, either at work or in any other place, make, deliberately download, process, or distribute material known to be illegal, for example child sexual abuse material. Staff must not share information about the setting or individual children on personal social media accounts, verbally or in any other method.

Openwodgate Pre-school accepts that this is a Safeguarding concern and one that is increasing which requires a robust response. An adult, young person up to the age of 18 or child sending indecent images will be responded to as a Safeguarding concern. We will seek advice from agencies and professionals acknowledging that there are both national and local guidance that we need to adhere to in order to tackle the concerns and work in partnership with other agencies.

The motivations for taking and sharing nude and semi-nude images, videos and live streams are not always sexually or criminally motivated. This does not apply to adults sharing nudes or semi-nudes of under 18-year olds. This is a form of sexual abuse and the Designated Safeguarding Lead/Senior Leadership Team, where appropriate, will seek advice from the police as a matter of urgency and will consider a referral into children's services.

We will use national and local guidance to help us: Derby City and Derbyshire Threshold Document

https://www.proceduresonline.com/derbyshire/scbs/user_controlled_lcms_area/uploaded_files/Threshold%20Document%20FINAL%20December%202019.pdf

Sharing nudes and semi-nudes, December 2020 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sharing-nudes-and-semi-nudes-advice-for-education-settings-working-with-children-and-young-people