**‘SEXTING’**

*What is ‘sexting’?*

Sexting is the sharing of a sexual message and/or a naked or semi-naked image, video or text message with another person. Young people may consent to sending a nude image of themselves originally, but then they have no control over how other people might use the image.

Sometimes young people are coerced into sending an image. The coercion may involve sexual harassment, bullying and even violence.

Images can also be used later as a form of harassment and abuse known as ‘revenge pornography’ which involves distribution (or threat) of images without consent, to threaten, control, bully, harm or humiliate.

*How to get help*

Speak to any member of College staff or speak to the College Safeguarding Team on 01226 216 142 or via email at safeguarding@barnsley.ac.uk

*Other support*

<nspcc.org.uk> – 0808 800 5000

Childline – 0800 1111 (24 hours)