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## Further Support

### Resources for young people, parents, carers and guardians:

NSPCC [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)  
Children Society  
<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/advice-hub>  
CEOP (Child Exploitation & Online Protection Centre) [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)  
Net Aware [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)  
PACE (Parents Against Child Exploitation) [www.paceuk.info](http://www.paceuk.info)  
UK Safer Internet Centre [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)  
Parent Zone [www.parentzone.org.uk](http://www.parentzone.org.uk)

## What is Child Exploitation?

Child exploitation is **when an abuser takes advantage of a young person for their own personal gain**. This can take many forms, including sexual exploitation or forcing the child to commit crime. The most common form of criminal exploitation is when a child is forced to sell drugs for an older person.

## Some facts about Child Sexual Exploitation

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## Child Protection at The Rowans - Important contacts

### Designated Safeguarding Lead

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### Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads

Becky Jones: Welfare and Attendance Lead  
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Charlotte Harris: Assistant SENCO  
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### Trustee for Safeguarding

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The school's safeguarding and child protection policy is available on our website:  
<https://www.therowans.org/policies and info/policies>

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# The Rowans AP Academy

## Understanding Child Exploitation



Please take a leaflet and seek support from us

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Chatham, Kent ME5 0LB  
01634 33 8803  
Email – [office@therowansap.co.uk](mailto:office@therowansap.co.uk)

 [www.therowans.org](http://www.therowans.org)  
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Parents are often the first to notice something is wrong. Trust your instincts and talk to your child if you're worried.

Have they a boyfriend, girlfriend or friends including adults who you don't know?

Have you noticed them getting presents, money, a mobile phone or jewellery?

Have they been missing from home, staying out overnight or missing school?

Do they get picked up or dropped off by unknown people?

Are they secretive about where they go and who they see?

Do they chat to people online who they've never met?

Do you know what they're accessing online?

Are they drinking or taking drugs regularly?

#### **You Are Not Alone....**

All staff at The Rowans receive regular training in safeguarding and child protection and all have a duty of care towards the pupils.

Miss Rebecca Jones (Welfare and Attendance Lead) is a trained Medway Child Exploitation Specialist. She is off

## **PACE – Parents against Child Exploitation**

Pace offers parents compassionate support and advice informed by over 20 years of experience working in partnership with parents to tackle child exploitation.

#### **Pace seeks to:**

Enable parents and carers to safeguard and stop their children being exploited.

Provide evidence and specialist advice in order to demonstrate to partners that parents and carers have an essential safeguarding role.

Work with parents and partners to disrupt and bring perpetrators to justice.

Influence national and local policy and practice to reflect the active safeguarding role of parents and the impact on families of child exploitation.

Sustain long term change by training partners in the active role of parents and carers safeguarding their children

#### **Do you know or suspect that your child is being sexually exploited by someone outside the family?**

Pace takes referrals directly from parents. If you are worried about child sexual exploitation happening to your son or daughter, please go to [www.paceuk.info/contact-us/](http://www.paceuk.info/contact-us/). Someone from their parent support team will be in touch to discuss the help and information Pace could offer.