**Pornography and Law**

In summary:

 In the UK pornography is legal to look at so long as it does not

feature under 18’s sex with animals, scenes or rape or sexual

assault. Torture or violent scenes which are life threatening or likely

to cause serious harm.

 You have to be 18 or over to buy porn magazines or videos and

many websites try and prevent under 18’s from accessing them

either by a disclaimer on front page or by charging a credit card for

access.

 It can be illegal to watch porn with someone under the age of 18

(this is intended to protect young people)

 Anyone under the age of 18 who film or take sexual pictures of

each other can be done with making child pornography, anyone

who shares such images can be potentially be charged with

distributing child pornography. This could put them on the Sex

Offender’s Register for *life*. Individuals could also be found guilty of

this offence if someone emails you or texts them a copy of such a

picture or video – even if they did not ask for it. Tell young people if

they receive such a picture or video, they should *delete it*

*immediately* and *absolutely should not* pass the picture or video on

to anyone else. If as a teacher you suspect images are being

shared- you need to consult with your child protection leads for

advice in your setting, always follow your settings behaviour and

child protection policies.