

# PSHE UPDATES

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## Knife crime is on the rise

The past few weeks has seen a number of incidents both nationally and locally where young people are reported or known to have had knives in school, including the tragic death of a 15 years old boy in a [secondary school in Sheffield](#) earlier this week.

Given this, we recognise that parents/carers may wish to talk to their children and young people about the issue of knife violence.

If you need further support go to Violence Reduction Alliance, Ditch the blade, Catch 22 and the YOS Prevention Team.

## Online Safety & Gender

There is an increasing trend on social media of the "Trad Wife" - a growing group of women turning back to traditional, routines, and expectations and becoming stay-at-home wives and mothers.

A "Trad Wife" has no job or career and is entirely financially dependent on her husband, not just for income but also housing, food and necessities.

The trend is especially popular with some women and has been criticized for its links to white supremacist and far-right ideologies, as some groups promote it alongside nationalism traditionalist gender roles and anti-progressive belief.

## Sexual Abuse

The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) reported that in 2024, they removed child sexual abuse material (CSAM) from 291,273 web pages, the highest number since 2014.

The IWF is urging the Government to strengthen legislation and ensure Ofcom enforces the Online Safety Act more robustly. Additionally, the IWF has partnered with AI company Hive to integrate their datasets into Hive's content moderation services to combat CSAM online. Childline's new campaign, "[Behind the Screen](#)," aims to raise awareness about the sexually coerced extortion (sextortion) of boys and young men. Sextortion involves threats to share intimate images or videos to extort money or force actions.

The campaign includes a film for young people featuring an AI-generated image challenge and a guide for professionals on understanding and supporting victims of sextortion

## Sexual Health

There has been a rise nationally in the proportion of women seeking abortions despite using "natural" methods to prevent pregnancy, like fertility tracking apps.

It is essential that young people are aware of the full range of contraception and the pros and cons so they are able to make informed decisions - rather than listening to experiences, including paid-for partnerships, on social media platforms.

[Brook's Contraception Tool](#) can support you.