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End-to-end encryption

In today's world, the rise of e-communication fuelled by the increased sophistication of mobile phones, and communication apps such as WhatsApp and the direct message feature of Instagram has made image sharing an essential of telephonic dialogue. End-to-end encryption is now becoming a must-have feature in the e-communication world

End-to-end encryption is a security method that keeps your communications secure. With end-to-end encryption, no one, including Google and third parties, can read eligible messages as they travel between your phone and the phone you message. The commencement of end-to-end encryption as a feature of all messaging apps, owes much to the screen capturing of private images and texts in the adult world. However, the question remains is the enhancement of security via this level of encryption an advantage or disadvantage to child protection?

The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), has recently published an article on this topic. Please follow the link below to find out ways to help keep your children safe online :

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/end-to-end-encryption-and-keeping-your-child-safe-online/>