

# Protecting children: How familiar are you with online 'coded' conversation? Information for teachers and parents.

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Acronyms of today have fast evolved from the ever popular OMG, (Oh my god) and LOL (Laughing out loud), with many people now employing a raft of new abbreviations for their social media conversations.

It makes sense when you think about it, many social media platforms used in this day and age are based on short and snappy communication, so why waste all our time typing out full words when we can speed up our discussions and use abbreviations? Whilst many choose to use this tactic everyday as a way to speed up communication with their friends and family, there are those who choose to do so as a way of enticing victims into 'coded' conversations, with not so innocent intent.

For example 'GNOC' (get naked on camera) and 'PAW' (parents are watching) are typical abbreviations used by many groomers and their victims when engaged in sexual and dangerous conversation. It's important to understand what these new-age abbreviations actually stand for, so that you can spot when a seemingly 'innocent' conversation isn't perhaps what it appears to be and prevent any risks from escalating.



Below are some examples of today's new-age online abbreviations:

BRB - Be right back

WYRN - What's your real name?

GTG - Got to go

AMA - Ask me anything

TTYL - Talk to you soon

LMK - Let me know

GNOC - Get naked on camera

WYCM - Will you call me?

PIR - Parent in room

99 - Parent gone

YOLO - You only live once

DM - Direct message

KPC - Keeping parents clueless

F2F - Face to face

WTTP - Want to trade pictures?

YIWGP - Yes I will go private

MLAS - My lips are sealed

PAW / 9 - Parents are watching

CU46 - See you for sex

TTYL - Talk to you later

TMI - Too much information

OMG - Oh my god

FOMO - Fear of missing out

ILY - I love you

FBO - Facebook official

LMIRL - Let's meet in real life

OMW - On my way

TDTM - Talk dirty to me

WDUL - Where do you live?

ASL - Age/sex/location