Text abbreviations and acronyms guide



This list is not exhaustive but covers some common abbreviations and acronyms that may indicate a cause for concern with regards to young people's online communication.

Potentially bullying or threatening abbreviations/acronyms - The following can be used as part of online messages designed to intimidate or threaten children and young people.

Abbreviation / acronym	Possible meaning
182	I hate you
GTFO	Get the f*** out
IAYM	I am your master
IDGAF	I don't give a f***/ I don't care
KYS	Kill yourself
LSR	Loser
SMH	Shaking my head or 'that's so dumb'
STFU	Shut the f*** up
Т	Talking behind someone's back/gossip

Self-harm - These may indicate the wish to self-harm or refer to suicidal ideation.

Abbreviation / acronym	Possible meaning
KMS	Kill myself
LMD	Let me die

Drug references - The following may be used in messages where children or young people are arranging to sell or purchase drugs, or discussing drugs in general. This could be linked to child criminal exploitation (CCE).

Abbreviation / acronym	Possible meaning
420	Cannabis
Incel terms	
Abbreviation / acronym	Possible meaning
AWALT	Stands for 'all women are like that'
ER	Elliot Rodger, sometimes used in the context of 'doing an ER', meaning to follow his violent example
LDAR	Stands for 'lay down and rot' reflecting the hopeless concept of the black pill



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Sexual references - The following can be used in messages of a sexual nature.

Such messages could be sent and received in the context of communication between consenting young people, or relate to harmful sexual behaviour, child sexual exploitation (CSE), grooming or online sexual abuse.

Abbreviation / acronym	Possible meaning
143/459	I love you
53X	Sex
8	Oral sex
9/CD9/Code 9	Parents are nearby
99	Parents are gone
ADR	What's your address?
AF	As f*** – for emphasis
AMA	Ask me anything – this can be used to a start a question session with the author of a post
ASL	Age? Sex? Location?
ВЈ	Blow job/oral sex
CU46	See you for sex
DAE	Does anyone else?
DM;HS	Doesn't matter; had sex
DPW	D*** pictures welcome
DTF	Down to f*** - denotes willingness to have sex or go along with suggested plans
DUM	Do you masturbate?
F2F	Face to face, live video chat
FYEO	For your eyes only
GNOC	Get naked on camera
GYPO	Get your pants off
IB/IF	In the back/in the front
IPN	I'm posting naked



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Sexual references (continued)		
Abbreviation / acronym	Possible meaning	
IWSN	I want sex now	
KFY/K4U	Kiss for you	
KOTL	Kiss on the lips	
KPC	Keep parents clueless	
LHS/LH5	Let's have sex	
LMIRL	Let's meet in real life	
MIRL	Meeting in real life	
MOOS	Member of the opposite sex	
MOS	Mum over shoulder	
NIFOC	Naked in front of computer	
PAW/PRW	Parents are watching	
P911/P999	Parent alert	
PAL	Parents are listening	
PRON	Pornography (this is a misspelling often design to get past filters)	
RU18	Are you 18? (other ages could be used)	
RUH	Are you horny?	
S2R	Send to receive (in relation to explicit photographs)	
SUGARPIC	Explicit/nude photograph	
TDTM	Talk dirty to me	
WTTP	Want to trade pictures?	
WYCM	Will you call me?	
WYD	What are you doing?	
WYLL	What do you look like?	
WYRN	What's your real name?	

