Resource 9a.

Legal or Illegal? Statements Card

Statements

1. A teacher communicates with pupils using email for school-related matters.

Answer: Legal

2. A teacher "friends" a pupil on Facebook and discusses personal things with them.

Answer: Legal - but a breach of professional conduct by the teacher.

3. A 16 year old girl decides to send a topless image of herself to her 17 year old boyfriend.

Answer: Illegal; taking and sending a sexual image or clip of yourself is transmission of child pornography, even if you want to do it and feel comfortable doing it.

4. A 22 year old woman sends a naked image of herself to her 24 year old boyfriend.

Answer: Legal - but there might be unintended consequences if the picture is shared and seen by others.

5. A 17 year old boy sends a naked image of himself to a 16 year old girl in his school whom he likes.

Answer: Illegal; sending a sext to someone who does not wish to receive it is illegal.

6. A 15 year old boy takes a picture of his two 15 year old friends in their bikinis at the beach and posts the photo on Facebook.

Answer: Legal, but always check with your friends before posting pictures of them.

7. A teacher flirts sexually with a pupil by text message on a social media site.

Answer: This is a breach of professional conduct and illegal if the pupil is under 18 so must be reported to a trusted adult.

8. A 16 year old boy asks his 16 year old girlfriend to send him a sexy photo for his birthday.

Answer: Illegal; asking someone under 18 to send you a naked or semi-naked photo of him or herself is soliciting child pornography.



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