

Middle Primary School (Pre-pubescent) 7–9 years

Developmentally Appropriate	Developmentally Inappropriate	Concerning	Very Concerning	Serious/ Extreme
<p>Masturbation or touching of own genitals in private.</p> <p>Increased sense of privacy and more care with regards to toileting and changing in private.</p> <p>Increased curiosity about other children's genitals of the same and opposite gender, which may translate into looking and touching of familiar same-age children's genitals.</p> <p>Language expression and jokes continue to include conversations about bottoms, breasts, vaginas, penises, and general bodily functions.</p> <p>Increased curiosity and questions about gender, sexuality, where babies come from and other sexual-based concepts.</p> <p>Children will also begin to discuss having girlfriends or boyfriends, and behaviour may extend into handholding or kissing another child of a similar age.</p> <p>Exposure to pornography via accidental or 'curious searching' (e.g., while searching 'bottoms')</p>	<p>Masturbation that occurs within an inappropriate context or location (e.g., a public space) or persists after redirection to a private space.</p> <p>Lack of awareness of the need for privacy and, therefore, frequent nudity around others or in inappropriate contexts.</p> <p>Using language of a sexually explicit nature that persists after redirection.</p> <p>Engaging other children of a similar age in sexual behaviours, including fondling.</p> <p>Displaying sexual themes and actions in play with other children, though the behaviour can be redirected and modified.</p> <p>Intentionally accessing pornography and/or playing video games with violent or sexual content.</p>	<p>Regular masturbation that interferes with other activities or that occurs with other children.</p> <p>Frequently exposing themselves in public or to other children.</p> <p>Engaging significantly younger or more vulnerable children in sexualised behaviour.</p> <p>Invading other children or adults' private space to lift or move their clothing to see and/or touch their genitals, bottoms, or breasts.</p> <p>Using language of a sexually explicit nature and/or including sexual themes in play or when interacting with others (such as open mouth kissing and fondling).</p> <p>Frequently watching pornography.</p>	<p>Compulsive masturbation that interferes with other activities, and/or is aggressive and/or self-injurious.</p> <p>Pursuing other children in an intimidating and/or aggressive manner in order to touch their genitals, bottoms or breasts or engage them in sexualised behaviour.</p> <p>Using language of a highly sexually explicit nature and/or simulating sexually explicit acts in or out of play such as oral sex and anal or vaginal penetration.</p> <p>Frequently watching pornography to the exclusion of other activities.</p>	<p>Forcing other children to engage in sexual behaviour; may include force and include oral sex and penetration with objects.</p> <p>Persistently using language of a highly sexual and explicit nature.</p> <p>Taking photos of their or others' genitals (or generally sexual images) and sharing these with others.</p> <p>Frequently watching and showing other children pornography.</p>