

Guidance for Parents/Carers for reporting your child as missing:

It may be useful to have written notes about your child to hand when you are reporting your child missing. The sort of information the call handler or police officer is likely to ask will include:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Height
- Weight
- Identification marks
- The clothing they were wearing last time you saw them
- Unique physical attributes (eg birthmarks)
- An up-to-date photograph (preferably electronic)
- Details of any medical conditions they may have (eg asthma, diabetes)
- Names of known associates (particularly any new friends)
- Financial details (bank account, credit and debit card details)
- Telephone numbers and social media account names
- Details of any recent events that could be linked with their disappearance – this is the point where parents can express their concern about child exploitation. If you suspect that your child is being groomed or sexually exploited, you should say so. You should also say if your child has been missing before.

It may be useful to give examples of other aspects of your child's recent history including:

- Change of behaviour
- Recently frequented locations
- New relationship/social groups/networks
- Recent drug and alcohol use