Boy, 11, held over nude pics of girl

An 11-year-old boy has been arrested for allegedly forcing a girl of his own age to take naked photos of herself.

The Primary Six student was arrested in Ma On Shan for gaining access to a computer with dishonest intent.

The principal of a Ho Man Tin school filed a police report on Sunday after learning of the incident last Friday.

"I first heard about the incident from the students, and the interests of the students must be the priority," said the principal, who cannot be named to protect the identity of the victim.

The school immediately implemented the crisis management mechanism on Friday after uncovering the case, and school staff also visited the girl's home to verify the incident.

The principal said the incident was reported to police after the girl's mother returned to Hong Kong on Sunday. The school also notified the Education Bureau.

The principal described the boy as a "normal child, with moderate conduct," while the girl cannot be said to be an introvert.

Both students, who are not in a relationship, did not attend school yesterday, and psychologists are working with the school's social worker to provide support to all the students.

A parent at the school said: "I have never heard about naked photo incidents. The school is a good school, and the teachers are responsible and good to the students."

Another parent added: "The school hasn't notified us. I hope such incidents will not happen to my daughter."

Wanda Hau Yuet-king, assistant director of Against Child Abuse, said the government should pay more attention to internet supervision and sexual education, as children increasingly have access to sexual content at a young age.

"With immediate counseling for the girl, the mental damage could be limited," Hau said.

The case is being investigated by the police's Kowloon City division.

Police said the 11-year-old boy was released on bail, and will have to report back later this month.

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