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This list is not exhaustive but covers some common possible hidden meanings of emojis.

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

Emoji (s)	Possible meaning
	You/they are ugly
	An overly sensitive person, or someone who is easily offended
*	'I don't care what you think'
<u> </u>	'I really don't care' (sometimes in the context of a response to what someone has said about them)
	A lie
6	In some circumstances, this can be used to show support for white supremacist ideologies
2	Used to call someone untrustworthy or a 'back-stabber'
	This is to emphasise something that someone can't seem to understand – in a passive aggressive way, used in between each word in a sentence. For example, I 🍋 am 🍋 busy 🍋
<u></u>	Take the advice, take note
۲	'Basic' – derogatory
	An insult suggesting that someone is worthless or 'rubbish'
8	A threat to 'cut' someone
٢	A threat suggesting that something bad is going to happen in the future
₩ ×, or 👊 or 🤕	A threat of physical violence
ي ي	'You're dead meat'
X	Refers to being 'ghosted' - ignored or dumped without being given a explanation
	'It is what it is' or 'deal with it'



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Self-Harm		
Emoji (s)	Possible meaning	
✓ or ✓ or ✓ ✓	These emojis can signify self-harm or suicidal ideation	

Drug references - The following emojis 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).

Emoji (s)	Possible meaning
€	Drugs in general or prescription pills
vigilar or or solution or solu	Marijuana/cannabis/weed
or 💨	Smoking a joint
ॐ or ∅ or 👻 or 🏂 or 🎤	Cocaine
🖤 or 💉 or 🔭 or 🤌 or 🎯	Heroin
♥ or ♥ or � or 寥 or ≁ or ?	Ecstasy/MDMA/'molly'
*	'Magic' mushrooms
*	Drug dealer
👑 or 🐧 or 💷 or 🈜	Symbols used to advertise a drug deal
🚀 or 🔨	Drunk/intoxicated/under the influence
*	Very potent or strong drugs
	Smoking or vaping





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Sexual references - The following emojis 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.

Symbols denoting body parts can often be used alongside hand or eyes emojis to express the wish to touch or see that body part.

Emoji (s)	Possible meaning
≺ or 📫 ← 👌 or 🦙 ← 🏷 or ← 🌮 or 🎢	Sex or sexual activity
😥 or 🔥	Hot – as in you/they are hot, in a sexual sense
🥑 or 🔞	Inappropriate or 'spicy' content/seeing something 'X' rated
%	Lesbian
wc	'Woman Crush'
🍑 or 🚒	Buttocks
🌮 or 🍉 or 觉 or 🔻 or 🎯	Female genitalia
k or 🔪 or ᄣ	Penis
👬 or ᄣ	Erection
🍒 or 🦏 or 🝻	Breasts
🍒 or 🍇	Testicles
<u> </u>	Virginity
👅 or 👄 or 🧠 or 🍳	Oral sex
i	Anal sex





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Sexual references (continued)		
Emoji (s)	Possible meaning	
💦 or 🄎	Orgasm/ejaculation	
ja se	Female orgasm	
🐸 💦 or 👋	Masturbation	
🤨 or 😈	Indicates sexual arousal	
<u></u>	Indicates sexual desire – sometimes used in response to nudes.	
	Nudes – nude or semi-nude photographs	
×	Pornography	
	Sex tape	
	Indicates a request to be sent nude photographs	
0	Used when sending nudes, or as a reaction to receiving nudes	
or the second	Can indicate consent or agreement – 'go for it'	

