



## Covid-19 – Safeguarding at Home

As we know **safeguarding** young people remains highly important and remote teaching brings with it greater challenges. Children will increasingly be using social networks to reach out to others and with that there will be an **increased risk to fake news and online harms** including grooming, radicalisation, exploitation, and bullying. All these issues could impact on their mental health and wellbeing. This is a time when many young people will be vulnerable and unfortunately, the potential for exploitation will be at its highest.

The UK Safer internet Centre has identified the following online risk categories:

- **Behaviour:** sharing too much information
- **Content:** age-inappropriate or unreliable content or fake news
- **Contact:** strangers, bullies, groomers or radicalisers can contact children
- **Commercialism and financial exploitation:** hidden costs of advertising in apps, games and websites
- **Extremism and radicalisation**

Please speak to your **children about their online activity**. Remind them of their digital citizenship responsibilities and to look after themselves and others.

Below is a **selection of resources available for parents:**

<b><u>NSPCC NetAware</u></b>	provides a useful guide to social networks, apps and guide
<b><u>National Online Safety</u></b>	have produced a series of top tips guides to support remote learning for Parents, Children and Teachers
<b><u>Thinkuknow</u></b>	is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline for different age groups and parents
<b><u>Childnet</u></b>	has produced a Parent and Carer Toolkit which is a collection of three resources designed to help you talk to your child about their online life, manage boundaries around family internet use and point you in the direction of where to get further help and support

Any concerns please contact one of the safeguarding leads in school:

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Or ring the school and ask to speak to a senior member of staff.