

## **Information for Parents/Carers**

### **Keeping Children Safe Online**

With the prospect of schools across Wales remaining closed for a significant period of time, the likelihood of children spending a considerable amount of time researching, gaming or communicating online will increase. The priority for all parents and teachers is to keep children safe online, prevent harm and safeguard at all times. People may choose to exploit the most vulnerable within our communities because they understand during these challenging times children will be online more than usual. Please consider the following when you or your child is online.

#### **Children should;**

- Know who they are talking to
- Check if they can access material, play games
- Protect their online reputation
- Only open messages from sources they trust
- Do not give out personal information
- Do not share images, video of inappropriate material
- Speak to someone if they feel uncomfortable
- Understand not everything online is true
- Block and report people who are trolling
- Do not give into pressure
- Think before they post
- Keep safe online

#### **Parents should;**

- Monitor who their child is communicating with online
- Monitor the content and material accessed or downloaded
- Check content is appropriate
- Set boundaries and parental controls
- Discuss their online activity
- Manage / check privacy settings
- Know where to find help

### **Reporting concerns**

If you or someone you know comes across any terrorist or extremist material online this can be shared anonymously via the below link:-

You can report material such as:

- articles, images, speeches or videos that promote terrorism or encourage violence
- content encouraging people to commit acts of terrorism
- websites made by terrorist or extremist organisations
- videos of terrorist attack

<https://www.gov.uk/report-terrorism>

Concerns can be shared directly with South Wales Police via 999 in an emergency, 101 or to report crime via the online reporting tool:-

<https://www.south-wales.police.uk/en/contact-us/do-it-online/>

### **Parentzone**

For the forthcoming financial year the Cardiff Prevent Team are working in partnership with Parentzone on online safety company. Parentzone have made their online resources free for all parents & carers for the next three months, they are available here:-

<https://parentzone.org.uk/parents>

### **Information on popular apps**

Please also find attached information on a number of popular apps that children & young people may be using during this period of enforced absence. This includes how individuals can keep themselves safe whilst using social media and the reporting process for any concerns you experience whilst using these apps.

SafetyCard2020\_Ins tagram.pdf    SafetyCard2020\_Sn apchat.pdf    SafetyCard2020\_Tik Tok.pdf

### **Other useful resources:-**

There are a number of other useful websites that can support parents & carers with online safety at this difficult time.

[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

[www.cyberaware.gov.uk/](http://www.cyberaware.gov.uk/)

[www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)

[www.nspcc.org.uk/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/)

[www.saferinternet.org.uk/](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/)