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**Re: Online Safety**

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.

Please **speak with to your child(ren) about their online activity** and remind young people of their digital citizenship responsibilities and to look after themselves and others.

Below is also a **selection of resources**:-

1. The UK Safer Internet Centre has a Professionals Online Safety Helpline - 0344 381 4772
2. NSPCC NetAware provides a useful guide to social networks, apps and guide.
3. National Online Safety have produced a series of top tips guides to support remote learning for Parents, Children and Teachers.
4. Thinkuknow is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline for different age groups and parents.
5. Childnet 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.

Yours sincerely

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