

As we know, **safeguarding** young people remains highly important and remote teaching brings with it some 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

Also, be aware of the potential increase of fake/poor quality organisations offering online learning to young people and the potential for rogue offers.

As a school we encourage you to talk to your children and closely monitor their online activity. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff in school by phone on 01922 710871 or via email postbox@invention-i.walsall.sch.uk.

Online material promoting terrorism or extremism can be reported anonymously using [the Online Tool](#) on the Gov.UK website.

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

1. [NSPCC NetAware](#) provides a useful guide to social networks, apps and guide.
2. [National Online Safety](#) have produced a series of top tips guides to support remote learning for Parents, Children and Teachers.
3. [Thinkuknow](#) is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline for different age groups and parents.
4. [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