

## **Keeping your child safe online during COVID Crisis**

With 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.

### **[Online safety guidance and support](#)**

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

#### **Report concerns**

**SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING LEAD: Darryl Williams 01600 775289.**

**SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING DEPUTY LEAD: Hayley Page 01600 775293.**

**Duty Social Worker, Monmouthshire County Council: 01291 635669**

**Out of Hours and Bank Holidays Emergency Duty Team: 0800 328 4432**

**Gwent police – 101 to report a crime, 999 for urgent response requests only**

**Advice can also be sought from Local Authority Officers**

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Police advice re terrorism and radicalisation can be accessed via:-

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

<https://www.gwent.police.uk/en/advice/advice/t-z-terrorism-witness-of-crime/terrorism/prevent/>

**Other useful resources**

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

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

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

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