Dear Parents/Carers

Within Bradford Local Authority we have a Prevent team which supports schools and the local community, with understanding and implementing the key requirements of the Prevent Duty. We are writing to you today to raise awareness regarding online dangers, firstly surrounding the themes of the Prevent agenda but also more generally about online safety.

Recently more and more young people have been occupying themselves online than ever before and whilst the online space can be fun and educational it can also pose risks to young and impressionable people.

Keeping young people safe online is just as important these days as keeping them safe from "stranger danger" so taking time to read and understand how to keep them safe is important if we are all to work together to reduce the risks.

Below are some useful resources and guidance to support you in keeping your young people safe.

Best Wishes,

The Prevent Team

**Internet Matters**

Want to increase your young person's resilience against the risk of radicalisation online but not sure how to start? Click on the link to get yourself skilled up Protect children from radicalisation - Protect children from radicalisation - Internet Matters

Critical thinking skills can help keep young people safe from fake news, misinformation and scams. To learn more - Fake news and misinformation advice hub - Internet Matters

Parents…Do you know all about the age appropriateness of games you are buying? if not click here to learn more - Video games age ratings explained - Internet Matters

**Parent Zone**

In chat gaming can be fun but there can be risks. Parents/carers increase your awareness with @TheParentsZone on how you can keep your young person safe in their in-chat gaming - In-game chat | Parent Zone

**Childnet**

To help develop your awareness around the online gaming safety aspects Childnet have produced a useful resource leaflet available here - Online Gaming: An introduction for parents and carers | Childnet You may also want to consider looking at their resource hot topics around gaming which you can access here - https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/supporting-young-people-with-send-online/gaming-and-social-media/

**UK Safer Internet Centre**

Is your child getting tech for a birthday or other special occasion? Make sure the security settings are set and you help keep young people safe learn more here - Parental controls offered by your home internet provider - UK Safer Internet Centre

**Think You Know**

For further general advice about keeping young people safe online or to report a concern you can visit - Parents and carers | CEOP Education (thinkuknow.co.uk)

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