

Dear Parents/ Guardians

As schools close due to the Coronavirus pandemic, it is inevitable that children will spend more time online therefore they are at increased risk of coming into harm. Whilst we continually educate and remind our students of the dangers of being online and the steps they can take to reduce their risk, we wanted to give parents and carers a guide during these uncertain times.

1. We recommend that parents and carers check their child's phone and tablet every night. Ensure you know your child's passcodes and passwords.
2. We encourage children to use their devices whilst supervised to reduce risk.
3. We advise parents and carers to talk to their child about keeping safe online.
4. If parents haven't done so already, they should consider setting up parental controls on mobiles and tablets in order to monitor usage and minimise risk of children using inappropriate apps and websites.
5. If you are concerned about your child's online activity or if they have been contacted by an unknown person, we advise you to report inappropriate contact/content please contact Lancashire Police or email safeguarding@burnley-cs.org.

Useful websites or apps for parents/carers:

- Follow 'National Online Safety' on Facebook or Twitter for general advice.
- www.saferinternet.org.uk for general advice.
- 'FamilyShare' an app for iPhone users to monitor screen time usage. ● <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> for advice on all aspects of online safety including setting up parent controls. ● <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-safety-online-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-carers/child-safety-online-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-carers-whose-children-are-using-social-media> for government guidance on child safety online. ● www.ceop.police.uk for reporting online grooming or sexual behaviour. ● www.iwf.org.uk to report criminal, sexual or obscene content.

If you have any further queries or concerns please contact safeguarding@burnley-cs.org.
Emails will be monitored by the Pastoral Team throughout the school closure period.

Yours sincerely

The Pastoral Team