

HOUNSLOW PREVENT TEAM NEWSLETTER

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Prevent & COVID 19

Welcome to our brand-new newsletter! This is our attempt to keep in contact with you all and to send you key messages during this restricted time. We hope you and your families are well while we all fight this pandemic - that we will.

The Prevent team are still working full-time from home and are available to contact. We also continue in safeguarding individuals who need support through case management.

For those who are wondering 'what is Prevent?' It is the safeguarding element of the Government's Counter-Terrorism strategy called CONTEST.

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The team provide free support, materials and training tailored to your needs to help you meet your statutory obligations under the Prevent Duty and to help safeguard the young people in your care. Please do contact us for any training or

The DfE have released interim safeguarding guidance 'Coronavirus (COVID-19) safeguarding in schools, colleges and other education providers can be found [here](#):

[Home Office guidance for parents and carers to keep children safe](#)

[Closure of education settings: information for parents and](#)

[Guidance for parents and carers on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance on vulnerable children and young](#)

DfE Coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687

Available: Monday – Friday (8am – 6pm)

Email address: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

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ONLINE SAFETY

The online world is a wonderful place and during this restricted time, people are online even more than ever. That's the good people and unfortunately the bad too, so the risk of harm online has naturally increased. The bad are trying to take advantage of this situation and will try to influence through hate speech, conspiracy theories and could try to groom and radicalise others. Those that are vulnerable are more susceptible to this, such as children/young people. Therefore, it is paramount that we and our children are staying safe online. We should be checking our children's online activity on a daily basis - who are they speaking to/messaging/playing online games with? What information are they sharing with others/strangers? Do they know how to report an issue and that they can come to you if they experience anything concerning? For more information and advice visit:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

The Prevent Education Officer, is keeping in contact with schools, and educational establishments with Prevent support and Online Safety guidance and resources. We have also linked in with DfE guidance and that from trusted organisations in relation to home learning and maintaining safe use of online space. London Grid for Learning (LGfL) <https://www.lgfl.net> have resources for all elements of Online Safety



Missing your students? During the coronavirus pandemic when we are all becoming more reliant on communication online, it is essential to be aware of the dangers of online radicalisation and where professional help and support can be readily accessed.

While such cases are rare, it is still important for parents, carers and young people themselves to be aware of the negative influences and groomers who use the internet, social media and online gaming to spread extreme views. On some occasions these views may be considered radical or extreme, and when a person starts to actively support or become involved in activities including posting extreme views or carrying out activities in support of the extremist/s, this is called radicalisation which can become a matter for the police.

Can we introduce you to a current campaign to tackle the threat of online radicalisation during the coronavirus emergency. Co-ordinated by **Prevent** and with a focus on its "Let's Talk About It" website <https://www.ltai.info/>, it is aimed at young and vulnerable people who could be at risk of being groomed by extremist individual and groups online. As with crimes such as fraud, child abuse and child sexual exploitation, the closure of schools and colleges has increased the chances of young people falling victim to online radicalisation while following the current social distancing and self-isolation rules. If you are worried about a friend, relative or colleague—please contact the LB Hounslow Prevent Team.

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