

HOW CAN PARENTS/CARERS HELP THEIR CHILDREN TO KEEP SAFE?

KNOW WHO YOUR CHILD'S FRIENDS ARE

BE AWARE OF YOUR CHILD'S ONLINE ACTIVITY AND UPDATE YOUR OWN KNOWLEDGE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

KEEP TALKING WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT WHAT THEY WATCH ON THE TV/INTERNET AND ON THE NEWS

ENCOURAGE DEBATE AND QUESTIONING ON LOCAL AND WORLD EVENTS AND HELP YOUR CHILD TO SEE DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW

EXPLAIN THAT ANYONE WHO TELLS THEM TO KEEP SECRETS FROM THEIR FAMILY OR TEACHERS IS LIKELY TO BE TRYING TO DO THEM HARM OR PUT THEM IN DANGER

NEED MORE ADVICE?

IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY, PLEASE CONTACT:

LAKES COLLEGE SAFEGUARDING OFFICER, DIANE HARRIS ON:
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OR IF YOU ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT YOUR CHILD MIGHT LEAVE THE COUNTRY TO TRAVEL TO A CONFLICT ZONE, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER CONCERNS YOUR CHILD MAY BE BEING RADICALISED, KEEP YOUR CHILD'S PASSPORT AWAY FROM THEM AND IN A SAFE PLACE & CONTACT THE LAKES COLLEGE SAFEGUARDING OFFICER OR CUMBRIA POLICE ON: 101


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ADVICE TO PARENTS AND CARERS

KEEPING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE AND FREE FROM RADICALISATION AND EXTREMISM


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THE DANGERS OF EXTREMISM

ALL PARENTS AND CARERS WILL BE AWARE FROM RECENT ITEMS IN THE NEWS THAT A NEW RISK THREATENS THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN.

THE RISK OF RADICALISATION BY AN EXTREMIST GROUP.

EXTREMIST GROUPS, BOTH RIGHT WING ENGLISH RACIST GROUPS AND ISLAMIST GROUPS, ARE ACTIVELY TRYING TO RECRUIT OUR CHILDREN ONLINE, IN SCHOOLS, IN COLLEGES AND WITHIN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

THIS LEAFLET IS DESIGNED TO:

RAISE PARENTS' AND CARERS' AWARENESS OF THIS DANGER

PROVIDE SOME SUGGESTIONS OF HOW YOU CAN REDUCE THE RISK OF THIS DANGER TO YOUR CHILD

LET YOU KNOW WHO YOU CAN CONTACT IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS

HOW EXTREMISTS GROOM OUR CHILDREN

PEOPLE WHO ADOPT EXTREMIST BEHAVIOURS SEEK TO EXPLOIT ANY VULNERABILITY OUR CHILDREN MAY HAVE. OUR CHILDREN MAY BE:

SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT IDENTITY AND BELONGING

DRIVEN BY A NEED TO RAISE THEIR SELF ESTEEM

DRAWN TO A GROUP OR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CAN OFFER IDENTITY, SOCIAL NETWORK AND SUPPORT

ANGRY ABOUT WORLD EVENTS AND FEELING A NEED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

EXTREMISTS HAVE DEVELOPED VERY EFFECTIVE WAYS TO RECRUIT YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH PERSONAL BEFRIENDING, ONLINE GAMING, SOCIAL MEDIA AND CHAT ROOMS

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

THE SIGNS OF EXTREMISM

IF YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER ARE BEING GROOMED BY POTENTIAL EXTREMIST PEOPLE THEY MIGHT DISPLAY CERTAIN TYPES OF BEHAVIOUR SUCH AS:

OUT OF CHARACTER CHANGES IN DRESS, BEHAVIOUR AND PEER RELATIONSHIPS

SECRETIVE BEHAVIOUR

LOSING INTEREST IN OLD FRIENDS AND OLD ACTIVITIES

GLORIFYING VIOLENCE

POSSESSING EXTREMIST LITERATURE

ADVOCATING RACIST OR HATE FILLED MESSAGES