

Prevent in Education Update May 2020

PREVENT DUTY
LIVE Q&A
for DSLs with the
National Prevent Coordinator
Wednesday 20 May at 10.30am
LgFL DigiSafe >>> safetraining.lgfl.net

London Grid for Learning LgFL are hosting a **live Q&A session** aimed at **DSLs**. This is an opportunity for DSLs to ask questions about radicalisation during lockdown to Chief Superintendent Nik Adams, National Coordinator for Prevent within Counter Terrorism Policing HQ. **You can sign up here: safetraining.lgfl.net. Please share with other colleagues.**

Covid 19 and Extremism

There are numerous resources to support parents, carers, children, and young people with online safety; many of these have been signposted within [GOV.UK guidance Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): support for parents and carers to keep children safe online](#). We are aware that extremists are exploiting COVID-19 to reinforce their pre-existing narrative and online platforms are hosting wider conspiratorial narratives, undermining efforts to deal with the crisis. All of which highlight the importance of digital literacy. Below we include a number of resources to support digital literacy and critical thinking.

Please see this link on the Lets Talk About it LTAi website which gives guidance on Staying safe online, you to send out directly to parents and colleagues - <https://www.ltai.info/staying-safe-online/>.

Digital Literacy Resources

[BBC Bitesize: Fact or Fake](#) – lots of activities and resources related to fake news and COVID-19

[ShoutOut UK](#) – Free weekly resources on online harms, conspiracy theories, how to spot fake news and deal with trolls.

[Trust Me](#) – primary and secondary lessons resources to explore critical thinking online.

[Be Internet Citizens](#) – lesson resources on fake news, hate speech, emotional manipulation.

[BBC Evidence Toolkit](#) – interactive software, lesson plans and teacher notes to review media stories.

[BBC Real News](#) – videos, lesson plans, podcasts related to digital literacy

[National Literacy Trust](#) – fake news and critical literacy resources, including lesson plans for different subject areas (pdfs can be found at the end of the page).

[The News Literacy Project](#) – resources to support pupils to understand what to trust in the digital age.

Fact Checkers

[Full Fact Toolkit](#)

[Snopes](#)

[BBC Reality Check](#)

[Channel 4 Fact Check](#)

[Infotagion](#) – in relation to CV-19

What is being done?

- The Government has launched a campaign called [‘Don’t Feed the Beast’](#) which is focused on being careful about what you share online and includes a helpful [Share Checklist](#)
- WhatsApp is reducing forwards of ‘popular’ messages
- YouTube is banning videos linking 5G to Covid-19
- Facebook is deleting groups encouraging the 5G theory
- Mainstream media is writing about disinformation.

School and College Closures: Ongoing Prevent Management Support

Educate Against Hate Blog: School Closures: Ongoing Prevent Management Support

A blog post has now been published on [Educate Against Hate advice blog](#), relating to COVID-19. This is to provide public facing advice for schools around Prevent during COVID, as well as to further clarify how the vulnerable children definition applies to Channel cases.

Local processes remain as were and are detailed below.

Local training, webinars and virtual classroom resources

After the half term break, we will be hosting some webinars around Prevent and extremism for staff. We are also looking to launch some pupil/schools based resources. I will send out further information and instructions on how to join on.

Free online Prevent training

[INTRODUCTION TO PREVENT E-LEARNING PACKAGE](#) - For all school staff and governors

[CHANNEL AWARENESS](#) – For all staff that require further knowledge of the Channel process

[PREVENT REFERRALS](#) - For Safeguarding Leads and completing making process

If you have concerns around radicalisation, the online safety or other safety and wellbeing of children, please follow your local safeguarding procedures.

For advice around a specific Prevent concern or for guidance around ‘What if’ you can contact your Prevent Programme Manager: sophie.lawrence@hertfordshire.gov.uk

If you would like general advice, guidance or training around Prevent and radicalisation for yourself, your team or your setting please contact DfE’s Counter Extremism Helpline 020 7340 7264.

In the case of an emergency, contact the police on 999