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Dear Head teacher,

As you are fully aware, the end of the school year is fast approaching and whilst for many of your students this welcomes the summer holidays, for year 6 students this may be a time of apprehension and anxiety as they transition to secondary schools. The summer break also gives more time for young people to be online and although generally most young people have the resilience to deal with any online issues they may face, this can also be a time where some of them looking for answers to their worries may become drawn into the darker areas of the online world including those wanting to influence vulnerable young people into extremism.

Young people are generally good at spotting things that don't look right online and having been taught in schools, can be ahead of their parents in recognising concerning signs. In respect of this the police can have a role to play in supporting parents in keeping their children safe online. We would like to take this opportunity to direct you to a number of resources available to parents and schools.

For parents



Moving to secondary school

A web site to help users understand the possible risks and benefits of going online with our resources for parents, carers and teachers to use at home and in the classroom.

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/moving-to-secondary-school-online-safety-guide/

A parent's guide to: Moving to secondary school

The accompanying booklet provides a large amount of information for parents to aid them in supporting their child as they make the transition to secondary education.

https://d1dhn91mufybwl.cloudfront.net/downloads/pdfs/z1netzrqwd/z1netzrqwd.pdf?v=1719917118



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Online risks of radicalisation for young people

This section of our professional's website provides guidance and information upon radicalisation with guidance for identifying vulnerabilities, developing critical thinking and links to useful resources

https://dcdhub.org/the-online-risks-of-radicalisation-for-young-people/

We would like to encourage schools to share the information for the first two resources with parents and also to take the time to consider the information about online radicalisation and how it can impact your students.

If you have any concerns upon online radicalisation happening in your school, you can speak to your local policing Prevent team on 01392 225130. Please allow this number to ring until the answerphone connects as it calls all of our offices and may not be answered immediately.

Kind regards,

Superintendent Emma Butler Jones Head of Prevention Department