

Online safety and remote learning during COVID-19

The college is committed to full face-to-face teaching rather than a blended learning approach because we know our students learn best with this approach. We will continue with this method of delivery for as long as it is safe to do so, since we know that many students struggled with the isolation of remote learning during the national lockdown and have welcomed the opportunity to get back to the socially and intellectually stimulating environment of the college.

Should lockdown arrangements return we are ready to move to remote learning, using trusted products such as Google Meet, Google Classroom, Screencastify, Pear Deck and Loom to deliver live and recorded remote lessons. If and when this happens, students will inevitably spend more time online and there will be a heightened threat of online grooming, scams and abuse.

We make students aware of the risks and suggesting strategies for keeping safe online through the college's tutorial programme, with resources drawn from:

- remote education advice from [The Key for School Leaders](#)
- advice from [NSPCC](#) on undertaking remote education safely
- guidance from the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) on remote education
- Guidance on [teaching online safety in schools](#) to ensure that students understand how to stay safe and behave online.

The resources listed below are designed to enable parents and carers to protect their children from online threats and abuse:

- [support for parents and carers to keep children safe online](#) (resources to help keep young people safe from different risks online and where to go to find support and advice)
- guidance on [staying safe online](#) (information from the government on security and privacy settings)
- [Thinkuknow](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) on staying safe online)
- [Parent info](#) (support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations)
- [Childnet](#) (a toolkit to support parents and carers around online behaviour and technology use) and to find out where to get more help and support
- [Internet matters](#) (age-specific online safety checklists and practical tips including how to set parental controls)
- [London Grid for Learning](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Net-aware](#) (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC, including a guide to social networks, apps and games)
- [Let's Talk About It](#) (advice for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) (tips, advice, guides and other resources, including parental controls offered by home internet providers and safety tools on social networks and other online services)