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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: PREVENT : New Counter- Terrorism Website ACT Early.

We are writing to you today to share with you information that will help us to work together to protect our most vulnerable.

Between 1st January 2019 and 30th June 2020, 17 children nationally were arrested in relation to terrorism offences. Some were as young as 14 years old and nearly all were radicalised entirely online. In the same time period, more than 1500 children under the age of 15 were referred to the Prevent programme to help them choose a different path, away from hatred and violence.

The impact of Covid-19, social isolation and a rise in hateful extremism online has created a 'perfect storm' which is making more young people vulnerable to radicalisation and other forms of grooming.

The Prevent programme exists to safeguard and divert individuals from these harms, in a similar way to processes designed to protect people from gangs, drug abuse, and sexual exploitation.

Prevent activity is mobilised locally through a whole-of-society approach, involving teachers, healthcare practitioners, social workers, the police, charities, psychologists and religious leaders. It has changed and saved the lives of individuals from all walks of life, supporting them in moving away from radicalisation and violent ideologies.

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you details of a new campaign launched on 18th November 2020, to help families and the public spot the signs when a loved one is being led down a path towards hatred and extremism.

The site will be accompanied with a national advice line that will provide direct access to Prevent Specialists who are trained to guide people through the process of sharing concerns about a person risk

The website will be accessible at www.actearly.uk it emphasis early detection and is aimed at family and friends who are encouraged to call the Prevent advice line on 0800 011 376

Yours sincerely

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