



Dear Parent/carer,

**Re: Online safety (E-safety): internet, social networking and mobile phone safety for young people**

The online world is now an important part of everyday life for adults and especially young people. It allows them to stay in touch with their friends and access to the internet is now available like never before. However, there are big risks with new technologies and it is essential for young people and especially their parents/carers to understand how to reduce those risks.

Bury Safeguarding Children Board is working closely with the Police, Bury Council, Children’s Centres and schools to educate and protect children about the safer use of the internet and mobile phones. We also work closely with the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) who lead in the field of online protection for children and regularly give advice and training to professionals who work with children on e-safety.

Schools already have policies in place over children’s access to the internet and the use of mobile phones on school grounds. Teachers receive regular safeguarding children training, which includes training on e-safety issues which may occur in school.

**It is very important that parents are aware of how to protect their children and to keep them safe on the internet. As part of this Bury Safeguarding Children Board are inviting parents to attend one of the 2014 information sessions on e-safety which are shown below. Please contact the relevant centre to book your free place.**

| Date                                  | Time                | Venue                                                                                                  | Phone No      | Email                                                                          |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>   | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm   | Toodle Hill Children’s Centre, Heaton Park Primary School, Cuckoo Lane, Prestwich, Manchester, M45 6TE | 0161 253 6100 | <a href="mailto:toodlehillcc@bury.gov.uk">toodlehillcc@bury.gov.uk</a>         |
| <b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>  | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm   | Little Oaks Children’s Centre, Broad Oak High School, Hazel Avenue, Bury, BL9 7QT                      | 0161 253 6999 | <a href="mailto:littleoaksc@bury.gov.uk">littleoaksc@bury.gov.uk</a>           |
| <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>    | 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm   | Sedgley Children’s Centre, Sedgley Park Primary School, Bishops Road, Prestwich, Manchester, M25 0HT   | 0161 253 7474 | <a href="mailto:sedgleycc@bury.gov.uk">sedgleycc@bury.gov.uk</a>               |
| <b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b> | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm   | Besses Children’s Centre, Ribble Drive Primary School, Ribble Drive, Whitefield, Manchester, M45 8TD   | 0161 766 9807 | <a href="mailto:bessescc@bury.gov.uk">bessescc@bury.gov.uk</a>                 |
| <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>     | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Redvales Children’s Centre, Dorset Drive, Bury, BL9 9DN                                                | 0161 253 6186 | <a href="mailto:redvalescc@bury.gov.uk">redvalescc@bury.gov.uk</a>             |
| <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>   | 09:30 am – 11:30 am | Daisyfield Children’s Centre, St Stephen’s Primary School, Colville Drive, Bury, BL8 2DX               | 0161 253 6656 | <a href="mailto:daisyfieldcc@bury.gov.uk">daisyfieldcc@bury.gov.uk</a>         |
| <b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>    | 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm   | Besses Children’s Centre, Ribble Drive Primary School, Ribble Drive, Whitefield, Manchester, M45 8TD   | 0161 766 9807 | <a href="mailto:bessescc@bury.gov.uk">bessescc@bury.gov.uk</a>                 |
| <b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>  | 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm   | Coronation Road Children’s Centre, Coronation Road, Radcliffe, Manchester M26 3RD                      | 0161 253 7465 | <a href="mailto:coronationroadcc@bury.gov.uk">coronationroadcc@bury.gov.uk</a> |
| <b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>    | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Ramsbottom Children’s Centre, Ramsbottom Library, Carr Street, Ramsbottom, Bury, BL0 9AE               | 0161 253 7343 | <a href="mailto:ramsbottomcc@bury.gov.uk">ramsbottomcc@bury.gov.uk</a>         |