

**Online safety leads for supported accommodation and children’s homes providers**

This WhatsApp group aims to improve online safety in children’s homes and supported accommodation settings.

**Who are we:**

Dialogue (a support organisation for children’s homes and supported accommodation) and South West Grid for Learning (a national online safety charity) have come together to form a WhatsApp group to help providers improve safer spaces for young people in their settings and online.

We are also running [weekly members’ meetings for Children’s Homes providers](https://dialogueltd.co.uk/dialogue-membership/), covering a variety of topics that often take a deeper dive into keeping young people safe online.

Boris, Brian and John will contribute resources to discussions and moderate content and user membership.

* **Boris Radanovic** is Head of Engagement and Partnerships at South West Grid for Learning – a national online safety charity. He more than a decade of experience in online safety, policy development, advice and support at local and international levels.
* **Brian Smith** is has over 40 years of safeguarding leadership experience in third sector, local authority and private sector organisations in both supported accommodation and children’s residential care.
* **John Woodhouse** is managing director of dialogue and has over 30 years experience of residential care, children’s rights work and social work to senior leadership levels

**Guidelines**

1. People joining the group must work in and around children’s residential care. You need to agree and keep to these guidelines to be part of the group
2. It’s our group and we benefit from everyone’s input - please try to contribute or indicate agreement to posts
3. All posts must focus on online safety
4. Please don’t share recruitment, sales of properties, spam or affiliate links. These will be deleted and people may be asked to leave the group. If you offer something that’s helpful to a question you are welcome to share this, but avoid unsolicited sales posts
5. Please don’t share links to sites of concern. If you’re wanting to check something out contact the [Professionals Online Safety Helpline](https://swgfl.org.uk/helplines/professionals-online-safety-helpline/)
6. We all agree to respect one another and to communicate professionally (avoid profanity too please). There is no space for discrimination in this channel.
7. People’s posts are their responsibility and not necessarily the view of administrators – the group is an unmoderated community, posts are not the responsibility of dialogue or SWGfL. Please be certain in any advice you give, and do share differences of opinion respectfully
8. If the group is getting full we will make space, prioritising people who are members of the online safety leads group, working in residential care and/or are helpfully active. We will also make changes if the guidelines aren’t being kept to.
9. In the unlikely event a member is removed from the group due to perceived serious or repeated breaches of the guidelines contact will be made directly about their right to appeal

You’ll be asked to confirm you’ve read the guidelines when you apply to join the group.

**How to join**

It’s simple – either scan the QR code or [click this link to join the group](https://chat.whatsapp.com/JPCPsNmKD6u1gkVrsEFmkO).

