

**Created for professionals supporting children and young people, the [Online risk guide](#) offers clear guidance on the potential risks and harms associated with going online. Whether you work in education, the charity sector, or any service supporting young people, you'll find practical insights and the opportunity to join a growing community of practice to share experiences and expertise.**

### What is the Online risk guide?

Created with [ParentZone](#) and funded by [Nominet](#), this dedicated website helps professionals stay informed about online risks and harms. Developed with input from practitioners and young people since March 2022.

### Why is it needed?

The internet evolves rapidly, but this means online risks do too. Staying current with platforms, terminology, and online trends is essential to support young people effectively.

### How does the Online risk guide support practitioners?

The guide empowers professionals by:

- Providing trusted, current descriptions of online risks affecting children and young people
- Offering practical advice for supporting young people who might be exposed to the risks
- Amplifying the voices of children and young people sharing their own experiences to inform better support strategies

### Join our Community of Practice

Alongside the Online risk guide, we've established a Community of Practice - a space where colleagues can come together to share experiences, learn from one another, and stay informed about the latest developments in online safety. We host regular meetings that include peer-led discussions and guest speakers who bring fresh perspectives and expertise.

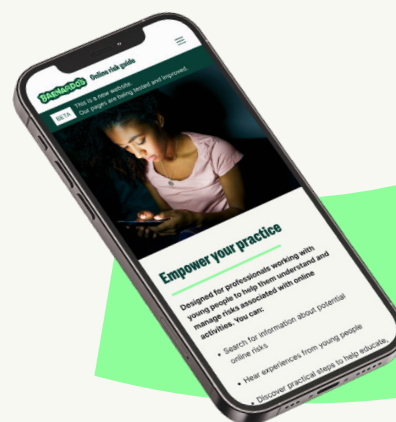
To join the Community of Practice, simply [fill out this form](#). Once signed up, you'll be added to our mailing list and kept up to date with upcoming events, resources, and opportunities to connect.

### Help spread the word

Know someone who could benefit from the guide? Please share it with them!

### Contact us

Any questions or feedback can be emailed directly to the team on: [onlinerriskguide@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:onlinerriskguide@barnardos.org.uk)



**“The thing I found most useful about the Online risk guide is that it's divided into precise topics about what is currently trending - it's not another vague and generalised resource about how the internet is 'dangerous' without offering real context.”**

Barnardo's practitioner