



## Keeping our Kids Safe Online

*James joined Ivanka Trump, the Phoenix 11 survivors group, Ministers from the US, Australia, Canada and New Zealand as well as major tech companies at events in Washington this week for the launch of a first-of-its-kind set of principles to combat child sexual exploitation and abuse on the internet.*



The Voluntary Principles to Counter Online Child Sexual Exploitation are a set of 11 actions tech firms should take to ensure children are not sexually exploited on their platforms.

These range from pledges to stop existing and new child sexual abuse material appearing on platforms, taking steps to stop the livestreaming of abuse, identify and stop grooming and predatory behaviour, and ensuring they are ahead of the evolving threat.

Among the companies to endorse the principles were Facebook, Google, Microsoft, Twitter, Snap and Roblox.

At a roundtable discussion at the White House, James joined other Ministers from the Governments of the Five Countries (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK and the USA) to discuss the voluntary principles and the best way to ensure tech companies action them.



Speaking at the US Department of Justice to launch the principles, James challenged Facebook and other tech companies over the use of end to end encryption which would make it harder to combat online grooming & exploitation.

James said: "We cannot allow children to fall victim to predators who lurk in the shadows of the web. Through global collaboration and with enhanced action from the Five Countries, law enforcement agencies and tech companies, we will ensure that children are protected online."

## Bexley Young Musician of the Year 2020



*James has congratulated trumpeter Charlie Keeling from Bexley Grammar School on becoming the borough's young musician of the year.*

*Charlie wowed the judges with his commanding performance at the 12<sup>th</sup> award evening organised by Bexley Rotary at Townley Grammar School on Saturday night. He enjoys composing and hopes to pursue a career as a musician. Charlie received his award from the Mayor of Bexley Councillor Geraldene Lucia-Hennis.*

## News in brief this week

- James visited businesses and traders at the Oval in Sidcup on Friday to discuss current issues. The main concern raised was about regular fly-tipping in the roadway behind the shops. James is following up with Bexley Council.

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