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Our children are growing up in a world where there is an increasing need for them to flourish in their use of digital devices and where they need to interact in all areas of the digital world – e.g. School and Work based Apps, Social Media and Gaming

As corporate parents we need to ensure our children can compete for jobs some of which have not yet been invented.

At present the approach to Digital Parenting for CLA and those leaving care in Middlesbrough is inconsistent.

We have been successful in attracting £35,719 funding to:

*“ensure care experienced young people can influence the service policies, process and practice that impact on their digital lives we need to extend participation and diversify and improve channels of communication and feedback.”*

# Links to Middlesbrough's Current Model

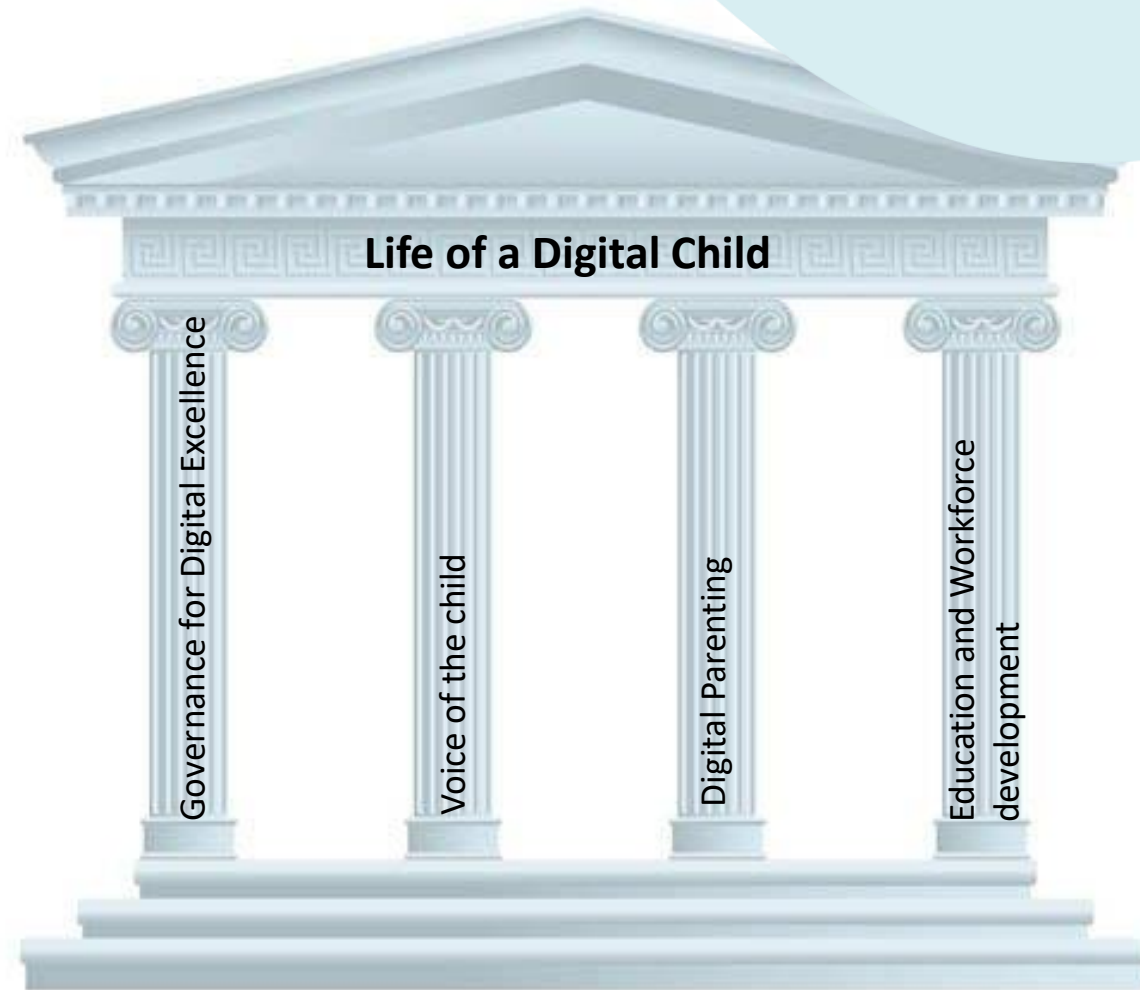
The Middlesbrough Digital Model was developed as a direct result of an initial Member's Scrutiny Report in 2016 and now informs work across the Tees.

The mission statement is:

***"To develop an online world where children and young people can be nurtured, safe, self-confident and compassionate digital citizens".***

## The Four Pillars

1. Governance for Digital Excellence
2. Voice of the child
3. Digital Parenting
4. Education and Workforce development



**Middlesbrough's Digital Resilience Model**  
**Digital Resilience Framework**

In general terms the Project will:

- Employ an apprentice to be trained and to assist in this project
- Research and consult on current practice
- Research and consult nationally and regionally for Best Practice
- Develop a draft policy / guidance for Digital Parenting in respect of Children Looked After and those leaving care
- Consult on this draft
- Seek approval for the policy / guidance (DMT and CPB)
- Provide Nominet with the final document
- Implement the final policy / guidance through workforce development

**Note:** Consultation will include, Children Looked After, Care leavers, Social Workers, Foster Carers, Staff in residential settings as well as the Departmental Management Team and the Corporate Parenting Board.