

The Prevent Strategy

Information for Parents.



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What is the Prevent Strategy?

Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes. The Prevent Strategy covers all types of terrorism or extremism, including the extreme right wing, violent Islamist groups and other causes.

How does the Prevent Strategy apply to Schools?

From July 2015, all schools have a duty to safeguard children and young people from radicalisation and extremism. This means we have a responsibility to protect our students from extremist and violent views. Importantly, we aim to provide a safe place for students to discuss these issues, if required, so they better understand how to protect themselves.

What does this mean in practice?

Many of the things we do in school is to help students become positive, happy members of society. They also contribute to the Prevent Strategy. These include:

- Exploring other cultures, religions and promoting diversity.
- Challenging racist and prejudiced comments.
- Developing critical thinking skills and a strong, positive self-identity.
- Promoting the moral, spiritual, social and cultural development of students, as well as British Values such as democracy.
- Staff being aware of the vulnerable children in their cohort.

We also aim to protect students from the risk of radicalisation, for example, using filters on the internet to make sure students cannot access extremist or terrorist material, or by vetting visitors who come into school to work with students.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How does Prevent relate to British Values?

Schools have been required to promote British Values since 2014, and this will continue to be part of our response to the Prevent Strategy. British Values include:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty and mutual respect
- Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

Is extremism really a risk in our area?

Extremism can take many forms, including political, religious and misogynistic extremism. Some of these are a bigger threat in our area than others. Our aim is to give our students the skills to protect themselves from any extremist views they may encounter, now or later in their lives.

Where to go to for further information:

If you have any concerns about the Prevent Strategy and what it means to your child please do not hesitate to contact the pastoral or safeguarding team.

The following resources may also be useful for further information:

Prevent Duty Guidance for England and Wales:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/64f8498efdc5d10014fce6d1/14.258_HO_Prevent_Duty_Guidance_v5c.pdf