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PREVENT STRATEGY

The Prevent Counter Terrorism strategy has been put in place by Government in response to the threat of terrorism and to protect and educate our young people to prevent them being drawn into terrorism. The threat from terrorism is represented through well-known groups such as Al Qaeda and IS but is also represented through armed paramilitary groups in Northern Ireland and extreme right wing groups.

This strategy aligns with the Home Office (2023) 'Prevent Duty Guidance for England and Wales', the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (updated 2023), and Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2025.

The Prevent strategy addresses all forms of radicalisation and extremism, including online radicalisation, self-initiated terrorism, misogynistic extremism, and ideological threats spread through social media or artificial intelligence-generated content.

Prevent is embedded within Woodlands' whole-school safeguarding and curriculum approach, promoting respect, tolerance, critical thinking, and an understanding of British values across all pathways.

The strategy will specifically:

- Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it;
- Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support; and
- Work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation which we need to address.

Schools have a duty to ensure the following:

- That they provide a single point of contact in school for Prevent.
- They assess the risk of students being drawn into extreme and terrorist activities.
- Develop an action plan to reduce the risk.
- Train staff to recognise radicalisation and extremism.

- To refer vulnerable people to Channel.
- To prohibit extremist speakers and events.
- To prevent access to extremist materials.
- That filtering and monitoring systems consider AI-generated content and encrypted platforms, and that staff and pupils are aware of how to recognise online manipulation or misinformation.

This is a responsibility for all schools, no matter what kind of community they serve and comes under safeguarding/ child protection principles. The following action plan is our response to the duty to plan to address and minimise the risk to our children and community.

Areas of Responsibility	Actions to be Taken	Outcome	Deadline	Update
Leadership and Values	• Governing Body to create a set of values which embody the ethos and mission of the school, celebrates diversity, freedom and openness. • To designate a lead governor and senior leader to act as safeguarding lead in addressing the risk from extremism and radicalisation. • Radicalisation and extremism are considered risks and inform an up to date risk assessment.	• A safe learning environment is created in school where diversity and core British values are celebrated. • The school is well prepared and has robust systems for dealing with children and adults at risk of radicalisation and extremism. • Risk assessment and training for staff mean that school is well placed to identify and respond to extremism.		October 2026
Working in Partnership	• School creates a single point of contact within the school and knows where to seek	• Action to address extremism is swift and focused.		Reviewed annually

	support from within support agencies. • Develop links with other schools to share good practice. • Prevent training provided for all staff and knowledge of KCSIE updated annually	• Best practice is shared across the Local Authority and Diocese.		
Training	• Develop training programme for teaching and support staff so that they understand the PREVENT agenda and how to respond to extremism and radicalisation. • Staff use every opportunity to embed British Values within the curriculum. • Parents advised of risks from extremism in the home though the internet and social media.	• All staff well placed to respond to the threat of extremism and radicalisation amongst our community. • All staff complete the Home Office Prevent E-Learning 2024 module and receive annual updates within whole-school safeguarding refresher training. • Children well placed prepared for life in multicultural British and demonstrate an appreciation of others. • Training and advice provided by school keeps families in our community safe.	Annual updates	

Curriculum and E-Safety	• Internet usage policy to feature reference to reporting inappropriate content of an extremist nature and to be sent home. • Filtering reviewed to ensure that it is robust enough to filter extremist sites. • School to take every opportunity to promote diversity and traditional British values throughout the curriculum.	• Both parents and children know what to do should they encounter extremist materials online. Parents are prepared for protecting their children at home. • Children and staff are protected from being able to access extremist sites in school. • Children are well prepared to take a full and active part within multicultural British society, recognise stereotyping and reject it.	Annual updates	
School Environment	• Development of appropriate policy guidance governing the events organised in school by staff. Children and visitors who let the school premises. • The school in the school handbook about not promoting any behaviours or speakers who	• No event is held which supports extremist views or promotes radicalisation or is contrary to British Values. • School is a safe environment which promotes harmony and British values.	Updated annually	

	undermine British values.			

Resources

- https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/97976/prevent-strategy-review.pdf
- https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protecting-children-from-radicalisation-the-prevent-duty
- http://therespectprogramme.org.uk/
- http://www.preventforschools.org/ https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2010-to-2015-government-policy-counter-terrorism/2010-to-2015-government-policy-counterterrorism http://course.ncalt.com/Channel_General_Awareness/01/index.html

People Blackpool Channel contact:

- Adults: adult.socialcare@blackpool.gov.uk
- Children: duty.assessment@blackpool.sch.uk
- Children: mash@blackpool.gov.uk
  Adults: ascsafeguardingalerts@blackpool.gov.uk

Channel Prevent Services Contact Pan Lancashire:

- concern@lancashire.police.uk
  • Police Prevent Team: concern@lancashire.police.uk
  • Urgent risk: dial 999

School Designated Person and Governor Designated person:

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