

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 and extremism, including the extreme right wing, violent Islamist groups and others.

How does the Prevent Strategy apply to schools?

From July 2015 all schools (as well as other organisations) have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism.

This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views the same way we protect them from other things that may harm them – for example drugs or gang violence.

What does it mean in Practice?

Many of the things we already do in school to help children become positive, happy members of society also contribute to the Prevent strategy.

These include:

- Exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity

- Challenging prejudices and racist comments
- Developing critical thinking skills and a strong, positive self-identity
- Promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils.
- Teaching British Values such as democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.
- As a Local Authority School, we use the Local Agreed Syllabus for teaching Religious Education to ensure the children have an opportunity to learn about and from a range of faiths.

We will also protect children from the risk of radicalisation, for example by using filters on the internet to make sure that they can't access extremist and terrorist material. All volunteers who come into school are subject to a DBS check and visitors from faith groups are from a recognised organisation or been recommended by the local authority.

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.

Isn't my child too young to learn about extremism?

The Prevent Strategy is not just about discussing extremism itself, which may not be appropriate for younger children. However, it is about teaching children values such as tolerance and mutual respect.

The school will make sure any discussions are suitable for the age and maturity of the children involved.

Is extremism a risk in our area?

Extremism can take many forms, including political, religious and misogynistic extremism. Some of these may be a bigger threat in our area than others. Local data has shown that Extreme Islamic views and Right Wing Terrorist spaces are the largest concerns in the county with Northampton, Kettering and Wellingborough having the largest number of referrals. However, as a school we are not complacent, we adopt the view that it could happen here.

We will aim to develop children's own skills to protect themselves from any extremist views they encounter, now or later in their lives.

Where to go for more information

Contact the school

If you have questions or concerns about the Prevent Strategy and what it means for your child please do not hesitate to contact the school.

External Sources of information

The contact details for Northamptonshire Police Prevent Team is:

<https://www.northants.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/t/prevent/prevent/>

A useful site to help identify potential signs of somebody being drawn into extremist ideology is:

<https://actearly.uk/spot-the-signs-of-radicalisation/what-to-look-for/>

Long Buckby Junior School

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