

Burwell Village College Primary School

PREVENT DUTY STATEMENT

Your Designated Lead is: **Nicholas Smith (Head Teacher)**

On 1 July 2015 the Prevent duty (section 26) of The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 came into force. This duty places the responsibility on local authorities and schools to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

Burwell Primary School is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all its pupils. As a school we recognise that safeguarding against radicalisation is as important as safeguarding against any other vulnerability.

All staff are expected to uphold and promote the fundamental principles of British or Democratic values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. We believe that children should be given the opportunity to explore diversity and understand Britain as a multi-cultural society; everyone should be treated with respect whatever their race, gender, sexuality, religious belief, special need, or disability.

As part of our commitment to safeguarding and child protection Burwell Primary School, and the other schools in Cambridgeshire fully support the values in this statement and the government's *Prevent Strategy*.

For further information please follow this link

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/439598/prevent-duty-departmental-advice-v6.pdf

The Home Office explains that **Prevent** is part of the government's counter-terrorism strategy to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

All schools are required by law to teach a broad and balanced curriculum which promotes the **spiritual, moral and cultural** development of pupils and prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life.

Publicly funded schools are required to promote **community cohesion**, a duty first introduced through the Education and Inspections Act 2006.

The DfE states that **schools can help to protect children from extremist and violent views in the same ways that they help to safeguard children from drugs, gangs and crime.**

The purpose must be to:

- **protect children from harm** and
- ensure that they are taught in a way that is consistent with the law and the country's values.

The guidance reiterates that all schools have

- a responsibility to promote the **spiritual, moral, social and cultural** development of pupils and
- to **promote British values** of
 - Democracy
 - The rule of Law
 - Individual Liberty
 - Mutual Respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

Schools are expected to challenge extreme views and staff can help to identify children whose behaviour suggests that they are being drawn into terrorism or extremism. **These children can then be referred to the relevant agencies for support, guidance & intervention.**

The children are likely to be those exposed to extremist thoughts, propaganda & violence. Those most likely to be radicalised are those who are vulnerable, isolated and likely to be groomed or manipulated. This is very similar to identifying safeguarding concerns in pupils. For Prevent it would be identifying any pupil who is exposed to, or groomed by another, to undertake unlawful and potentially violent activities to promote their political, religious, ideological or criminal beliefs.

In Cambridgeshire radicalisation may not only take the form of religious extremism but also homophobia, far right nationalism, drug-gangs & related crime, or animal rights extremism. Any child who may be drawn in to criminality and extremism.

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or family the procedures are the same as those for Safeguarding / Child Protection:

For staff:

1. Complete a Logging Sheet
2. Hand it to and speak to the school's Designated Prevent Lead: **Nicholas Smith (Head Teacher)**
3. Referrals are made to Cambridgeshire Contact Centre using referral form (Marked PREVENT)
4. Advice can always be obtained from Contact Centre or Child Protection service

For parents / members of the community

1. Speak to the school's Designated Prevent Lead: **Nicholas Smith (Head Teacher)**
or
2. **contact the police:**

The Police non-emergency number 101

The Cambridgeshire Constabulary Community Intervention Team (Prevent Team) can also be contacted through 101

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111 or Anti-Terrorism Hotline: 0800 789 321