



St Matthew's Statement Regarding the Prevent Duty

All schools have a duty to protect children at risk of radicalisation. The Department for Education Guidance in relation to this duty states:

"In order for schools and childcare providers to fulfil the Prevent duty, it is essential that staff are able to identify children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation, and know what to do when they are identified. Protecting children from the risk of radicalisation should be seen as part of schools' and childcare providers' wider safeguarding duties, and is similar in nature to protecting children from other harms (e.g. drugs, gangs, neglect, sexual exploitation), whether these come from within their family or are the product of outside influences. Schools and childcare providers can also build pupils' resilience to radicalisation by promoting fundamental British values and enabling them to challenge extremist views".

As a school we support and actively promote the values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. These are the fundamental values of Britain and of many other communities of the world. We are delighted that many of these communities are represented in our school.

Actively promoting the values means challenging opinions or behaviours in school that are contrary to these values. As part of this we are aware of the importance of the Prevent agenda and support its aims. We have appointed Elisabeth Steel, Assistant Head Teacher) to be our Designated Lead Person for Prevent. She has attended WRAP (Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent) training. She has subsequently trained all staff in school about *Prevent* as part of our action plan for implementing this duty.

If you would like to find out more about *Prevent*, you can read the departmental advice in full by following this link:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/protecting-children-from-radicalisation-the-prevent-duty