

Prevent Duty Statement

Promoting Fundamental British Values

Staff must ensure that they meet their statutory requirements in regard to the Prevent Duty, i.e. keeping students safe and preventing them from becoming radicalized.

A key aspect of this duty is in identifying students who may be at risk of becoming radicalized. Staff should note the following extracts from the DfE guidance relating to the Prevent Duty (*the full document along with support materials is available for staff reference on the School Intranet*).

- Protecting children from the risk of radicalization 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, child 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 radicalization by promoting fundamental British values and enabling them to challenge extremist views.
- There is no single way of identifying an individual who is likely to be susceptible to a terrorist ideology. As with managing other safeguarding risks, staff should be alert to changes in children's behavior which could indicate that they may be in need of help or protection. Children at risk of radicalization may display different signs or seek to hide their views. School staff should use their professional judgement in identifying children who might be at risk of radicalization and act proportionately.
- At the same time schools and childcare providers should be aware of the increased risk of online radicalization, as terrorist organisations such as ISIL seek to radicalise young people through the use of social media and the internet.

Staff who are concerned about a student being at risk of radicalisation should contact the School's Safeguarding Team immediately in line with established Child Protection and Safeguarding procedures. Staff are reminded that the School's Internet filtering system is designed to prevent access to potential harmful websites. Any identified issues with the system should be referred immediately to both the School Safeguarding Team and the School Network Manager.

Staff are required to always act in line with published professional and safeguarding expectations, including the terms and principles of the Prevent Duty and Promoting Fundamental British Values.

Staff are reminded that any concerns/complaints regarding a member of staff must be referred directly to the Headteacher, or if he is unavailable, a Deputy Headteacher.

Further detailed information regarding the prevention of radicalisation, including briefing sheets on internet risks and the school's approach and training materials for the promotion of fundamental British values, is available on the staff intranet.

Please also refer to Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) September 2024-2025