PREVENT DUTY

Protecting Children from Radicalisation

What is Prevent Duty?

Prevent Duty is a legal obligation on schools to prevent radicalisation and stop children from being drawn into terrorism. It is part of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

How to recognise the signs

- Sudden changes in behaviour or social groups
- Expressing secrecy, isolation, or extremist views
- Fixation on a grievance or promoting hate speech
- Excessive online activity linked to extremist content

What action should you take?

Report your concern to your Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) immediately. If a child is at immediate risk outside school hours, call 999.

REMEMBER

Preventing radicalisation is a shared safeguarding duty.

Notice – Check – Share – Protect

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Pursue – to stop Terrorist attacks

Protect – to strengthen our protection against attack

Prepare – if an attack occurs, to mitigate the impact

Prevent – to stop people becoming Terrorists or supporting Violent Extremism

How does this involve schools?

There are specific statutory expectations for schools under the Prevent Duty

- **Training staff to be aware of the risks of extremism – for individuals & the community**
- **Ensuring that staff know how to refer concerns**
- **Ensuring that there is a risk assessment and action plan**
- **Avoid possible "Permissive Environments"**
- **Model British Values as a fundamental step in encouraging positive choices – especially in Primary Sector**

Prevent – National/Local Priorities

- Threat to the UK from terrorism is substantial. This means a terrorist attack is likely.
- Threat constantly changing. Most significant current threat Islamist extremists groups including Al Qaida & ISIS.
- Fastest growing level of risk from the Right Wing Terror threat
- Conflict in Gaza raising concerns for future
- Growing online risks

