



What is the prevent Strategy?

Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorist or supporting terrorist or extremist causes.

The prevent strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including the extreme right wing, religious extremists and other causes.

How does the Prevent Strategy apply to schools?

From July 2015 all schools have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism.

This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views in the same way we protect them from drugs or gang violence. Importantly we can provide a safe place to discuss these issues so they better understand how to protect themselves.

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THE PREVENT STRATEGY

Key terms

Extremism

Vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values such as democracy, the rule of law and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

Ideology

a set of beliefs

Terrorism

a violent action against people or property, designed to create fear and advance political, religious or ideological cause.

Radicalisation

the process by which a person comes to support extremism and terrorism

What does this mean in practice?

Many of the things we already do in school to help children become a positive, happy member 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, as well as British values such as democracy

We also protect children from the risk of radicalisation, for example by using filters on the internet to make sure they can't access extremist and terrorist material, or by vetting visitors who come into school to work with pupils.

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.

British Values include:

- ◆ Democracy
- ◆ The rule of law
- ◆ Individual liberty and mutual respect
- ◆ Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

Is my child too young to learn about extremism?

The prevent strategy is not just about talking about extremism itself, which may not be appropriate for younger children. It is also about teaching children values such as tolerance and mutual respect.

The school will make sure that the discussions are suitable for the age and maturity of the pupils involved

Is extremism really 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.

We will give the children the skills to protect themselves from any extremist views they may encounter, now or later in their lives.

External sources

The following sources maybe useful for further

Information :

Prevent duty guidance: for England and wales, HM Govt

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>

Frequently asked questions, Prevent For Schools

http://www.preventforschools.org/?category_id=38

What is a prevent? Let's talk About it

<http://www.ltai.info/what-is-prevent/>

You will find details about radicalisation in our safeguarding policy, available on our website

<http://www.christchurchsandwell.co.uk/>

Where to go for more information?

Contact the school

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

Tel 0121 552 3625

Email headteachr@christchurch.sandwell.sch.uk

Safeguarding Team

Designated Teacher: Mrs M Long

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The prevent strategy is one of a number of elements of safeguarding children's welfare.

If you are worried about a child or seek help as a parent or carer, our safeguarding team can offer advice, put you in touch with support or provide further information on a whole range of safeguarding matters including:

Physical, emotional or sexual abuse

Female Genital mutilation (FGM)

Alcohol and substance abuse

Domestic violence

Internet safety