

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.

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

If you have a concern over a student or believe a student is at risk please report it to the school immediately

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The Prevent Strategy

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What is the Prevent Strategy?

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

The Prevent strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including the extreme right wing, violent Islamist groups 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 or violent views and to provide a safe place for our students to discuss these issues so they are better able to protect themselves.

What does this mean in practice?

Many of the things we already do in school to help our students become positive, happy members of society also contribute to the Prevent strategy.

These include:

- Exploring other cultures and religion and promoting diversity.
- Challenging prejudice and racist comments
- Developing critical thinking skills and strong, positive self-identity
- Exploring media prejudice and influence
- Promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of students, as well as British values such as democracy.

We will also protect students from the risk of radicalisation by using filters on the internet so they cannot access extremist material, or by vetting visitors who come into school to work with students.

How does this relate to British values?

Schools have been required to promote British values since 2014, and this continues 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 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 our students the skills to protect them from any extremist views they may encounter, now or later in their lives.