

# Prevent Strategy Newsletter

## *Safeguarding, everyone's responsibility*

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## What is Prevent?

### What is the Prevent strategy?

Prevent is a government strategy about safeguarding and supporting those vulnerable to radicalisation in order to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism or extremist causes.

### How does the Prevent strategy apply to schools?

From July 2015 all schools (as well as other organisations) have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism. This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views the same way we protect them from drugs or gang violence. Importantly, we can provide a safe place for pupils to discuss these issues so they better understand how to protect themselves.

**What does the Prevent Strategy look like in Fulwood?** Many of the things we already do in school to help children become positive, happy members of society also contribute to the Prevent strategy. These include:

- Exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity
- Challenging prejudices and racist comments
- Developing 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 will 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.

All staff take part in statutory training, educating them about the Government Prevent Strategy, different forms of extremism and terrorism, the risk around radicalisation and how to safeguard and support those most at risk of radicalisation through early intervention, making a Prevent referral that is both informed and made with good intention and the interventions and support available

Our Core Values promote and align with the Fundamental 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:

- The rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

We work with external agencies such as

- Global Acts of Unity – A Campaign promoting unity and tolerance
- Show Racism the Red Card – All staff and pupils take part in workshops with the purpose of tackling racism in society
- Prevent workshops – by Lancashire Prevent Education Officer for All year groups

### FAQ

#### *Isn't my child too young to learn about extremism?*

The Prevent strategy is not just about discussing extremism itself, it is also about teaching children values such as tolerance and mutual respect. These are both key in our school values. The school will make sure any discussions are suitable for the age and maturity of the children 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 children the skills to protect them from any extremist views they may encounter, now or later in their lives.

## Terminology

**Radicalisation** The process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremism

**Terrorism** Is an action that endangers or causes violence, damage or disruption and is intended to influence the government or intimidate the public and is made with the intention of advancing a political, religious or ideological cause.

**Extremism** Is a vocal or active opposition to Fundamental British Values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. Calls for the death of British armed service personnel is included.

**Ideology** A set of opinions or beliefs of a group or an individual.