

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



You will find more details about radicalisation in our safeguarding policy, available on our website: www.standrews.northants.sch.uk

Your local Prevent team can be contacted on the Police non emergency number 101.

You can call 0800789321 anonymously

Make an online referral

<https://www.northants.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/t/prevent/prevent/>

Call the anti-terrorist hotline anonymously on 0800789321



External sources

The following sources may also be useful for further information:

Prevent duty guidance: for England and Wales, HM Government

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance/revised-prevent-duty-guidance-for-england-and-wales>

What is Prevent? Let's Talk About It

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

What you can do to help:



'Let's Talk to provide practical help and guidance **About it**' is an initiative designed to the public in order to stop people becoming radicalised or supporting terrorism.

<https://www.ltai.info/>

Have a look at the Let's Talk About it website as it has lots of information from signs to look out for to support and information on Prevent.



Have a look at the NSPCC website:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

It provides help for adults worried about a child.



Have a look at the Educate.against.hate website, there is a section for families.

<https://educateagainsthate.com/>

It is important to give children time to talk and make sure they only use their computers and tablets in family areas where what they are doing can be seen by all.



The Prevent Strategy

This leaflet contains important information for you as a Parent.

We would ask you to read it carefully.

What is the Prevent strategy?

Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist 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 (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 this mean for our school?

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 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

Giving children the skills to protect them from any extremist views they may encounter, now or later in their lives.

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.

Different schools will carry out the Prevent duty in different ways, depending on the age of the children and the needs of the community.

Frequently Asked Questions:

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.

The school will make sure any discussions are suitable for the age and maturity of the children involved.

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

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

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

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 a political, religious or ideological cause

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