

# The Prevent Strategy



**“To have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.”**

*Section 26: Terrorism and Security Act 2015*

# What is the Prevent strategy? How does it apply to schools?

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

The Prevent strategy covers all types of extremism and terrorism, including the extreme right-wing, violent Islamist groups and other causes.

## How does this apply?

From July 2015 all schools (as well as other organisations) have a duty to safeguard children from radicalization 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 for pupils to discuss these issues so they better understand how to protect themselves.



## What does this mean in practice?

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, 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 will also protect children from the risk of radicalization, 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 the pupils.

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

# Frequently Asked Questions

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## 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.



## 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 – this includes the youngest children learning how to take turns, values others' ideas and share.

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. For us, this includes tolerance of other people's faiths. Through our RE lessons we explore the values each faith has - Christianity, Judaism, Islam and Hinduism – we will visit places of worship and will welcome faith visitors into school.

We will give the children in our school the skills they need to protect them from any extremist views they may encounter now or later in their lives.

# Key Terms

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**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.



## *Where to go for more information:*

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If you have any questions or concerns about the Prevent strategy, then please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

You will find more details about radicalization in our safeguarding policy available on our website.

We also have information about spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and British Values available on our website.

**The following sources may also be useful for further information:**

Prevent duty guidance for England and Wales, HM Government:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/417943/Prevent\\_Duty\\_Guidance\\_England\\_Wales\\_PDF](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/417943/Prevent_Duty_Guidance_England_Wales_PDF)

Frequently Asked Questions: Prevent for schools:

[http://www.preventforschools.org/?category\\_id=38](http://www.preventforschools.org/?category_id=38)

What is Prevent? Let's Talk About It.

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