

## Prevent

In June 2015, the Department for Education (DfE) published new guidance on 'The Prevent duty' which prescribes new legal responsibilities on all schools in the UK. The Prevent duty is part of our wider safeguarding duties to protect children from harm. In particular, the Prevent duty requires our school to assess the risk of our pupils being drawn into radicalisation and extremism, and it requires our school staff to be able to identify and respond to children who are vulnerable to radicalisation.

The DfE's guidance defines radicalisation as "the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and forms of extremism leading to terrorism". It defines extremism as "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".

It is important to remember that these definitions do not only apply to one religious or political stand-point and can, in fact, apply to all political and religious stand-points that are imposed upon others, or oppose the fundamental British values, to extreme or fanatical levels. However, while this will not affect how we educate our pupils on controversial, religious and political matters, we have introduced the following measures to ensure the safety of our pupils and comply with the government requirements.

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Updated IT Policy	We have tailored our IT Policy to include filters restricting pupils from accessing extremist material on the internet.
Updated Lettings Policy	We have updated our Lettings Policy to prohibit any extremist speakers and/or groups performing or gathering at the school.
Updated Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy	A 'Preventing radicalisation' section has been added to our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy. It requires our safeguarding lead to undertake Prevent awareness training, and in turn hold formal training sessions with all members of staff to teach them the 'risk indicators' and how to make a judgement.
Risk of radicalisation incident register	We will now be recording all incidents of extremist and radical behaviour in a 'risk of radicalisation incident register' for each pupil, as a strategy for identifying pupils vulnerable to radicalisation.
Anti-terrorism Policy	Our new Anti-terrorism Policy outlines our policies and procedures on preventing radicalisation and extremism, and encouraging community cohesion.
Community Cohesion Policy	Our new Community Cohesion Policy outlines our strategic aims for, and contribution to, cohesion not only within the school, but within the wider community.