



# Understanding Prevent

## For Parents and Carers

PREVENT is part of the UK government's counter-terrorism strategy. Its aim is to safeguard individuals from being drawn into extremism or radicalisation. It's about protecting vulnerable people and supporting them before any crime is committed.

### Signs to Look Out For



- Sudden changes in behaviour or beliefs.
- Isolation from friends or family.
- Use of extremist language or ideology.
- Expressing extremist views or language
- Accessing or sharing harmful online content

### Key Points to Know

- **Safeguarding:** PREVENT is about early help and safeguarding, not criminalising.
- **All Forms of Extremism:** It addresses all types of extremism, including far-right, Islamist, and other ideologies.
- **Vulnerability Focused:** It supports individuals who may be at risk due to personal, social, or emotional factors.
- **Education Role:** Schools play a vital role in identifying concerns and offering support.

### What You Can Do

- **Talk and Listen:** Keep open conversations with your child.
- **Stay Informed:** Learn about online safety and current issues.
- **Raise Concerns Early:** Speak to your child's school if you're worried.
- **Use Support Services:** There are confidential services available to help.

### How Schools Support

- **Safe Environment:** Schools promote values like respect, tolerance, and inclusion.
- **Staff Training:** Teachers are trained to spot signs of concern and know how to respond.
- **Curriculum:** Pupils learn about critical thinking, online safety, and respectful debate.
- **Support Pathways:** Schools work with families and local safeguarding teams to offer help.

### Where to Get Support



- **Your Child's School:** Speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).
- **Your Local Authority:** speak with their safeguarding team
- **NSPCC:** 0808 800 5000



**PREVENT is about supporting, not judging. If you're worried, you're not alone — schools and services are here to help.**