

Where to go for more information

Contact the School

If you have any worries or concerns about Prevent strategy and what it means for you or your family, please do not hesitate to contact school.

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You will find more details in our Safeguarding Policy which is available on both school websites:

www.devonshireinfantacademy.org.uk

www.devonshirejunioracademy.org.uk

External sources

The following sources may also be useful:

Prevent duty guidance

www.gov.uk/government/publications/protecting-children-from-radicalisation-the-prevent-duty

Frequently asked questions—Prevent for Schools

www.preventforschools.org/?category_id=38

What is Prevent? Let's talk about it

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

Useful Contacts

Designated Safeguarding lead:

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(Executive Head Teacher)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Sharon Gibson

(Head of School—Infants)

Sandra Pennington

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Gurinder Josan



Staff, Parent and Visitor Guide

What is PREVENT?

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 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 extremism 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 have a better understanding of 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 and religions and promoting diversity
- Challenging prejudices and racist comments
- Develop critical thinking skills and a strong positive self identity
- Promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, as well as British values

We will 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 to school to work with pupils.

Frequently Asked Questions

How does Prevent relate to British Values?

Schools have been required to promote British values since 2014, and this will continue as part of our 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.

The school will make sure any discussions are suitable to 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 skills to protect them from any extremist views they may encounter now or later in their lives.

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