

### **Is extremism really a risk in our area?**

Extremism can take many forms, including religious, political and misogynistic extremism. Our role is to be vigilant about these as well as to equip children with the skills they need to counter any form of extremism, should they face it now or in the future.

### **How would I know if I should be concerned, now or in the future?**

#### **Signs may include:**

- Out of character changes in behaviour and peer relationships
- Secretive behaviour
- Losing interest in friends or activities
- Showing sympathy for extremist causes
- Glorifying violence
- Advocating messages similar to illegal organisations.

### **How can I help my child stay safe?**

- Know where your child is and who they are with
- Know your child's friends
- Keep lines of communication open: listen and talk to your child
- Talk to them about what is in the media; encourage debate and discussion.

### **Where to go for more information**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

You will find more details about radicalization in our safeguarding policy on the school website where we also have information about British Values and spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

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

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## **The Prevent Strategy**

### **A Guide for Parents**

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## The Prevent Strategy- A Guide for Parents

### What is Prevent?

Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes. The strategy covers all types of extremism including the extreme right wing, Islamic groups and other causes.

### Why is this guide being shared?

It is being shared with all parents because protecting children is a team effort. It is not only about teenagers and older children. It is not only about cities. It is about everyone.

### Why does this apply to schools?

All schools have a duty to safeguard children from radicalization and extremism. This means that we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views in the same way that children are protected from other forms of harm. We provide children with a safe place to discuss these issues so that they can better understand how to protect themselves.

### What does this mean in practice?

Many of the things we already do in school help children to become happy, positive members of society and this is the key to Prevent. These include:

- Exploring a variety of faiths and cultures.
- Promoting diversity
- Challenging prejudices and racist

or homophobic comments

- Developing thinking skills and a positive identity
- Promoting the British Values of mutual tolerance, individual liberty, the rule of law, respect and democracy. We talk about these a great deal, alongside our school values that include love, peace, friendship, humility, belief, determination and joy.

### Isn't my child too young to learn about this?

The Prevent strategy is not only about discussing extremism, which would not be appropriate for young children. It is about teaching children about values for life. We ensure any discussions are appropriate for the age and maturity of the children.

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