



PREVENT DUTY POLICY

(TO INCLUDE EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE)



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INTRODUCTION

Our school, Brackenfield, is committed to safeguarding children and promoting their welfare. We believe that it is essential to prevent individuals from being drawn into terrorism, extremism, and radicalisation. We recognise that everyone has a role to play in preventing these issues and keeping our children safe.

This policy reflects the statutory *Prevent Duty Guidance: England and Wales (2023)*, in force from 31 December 2023.

This policy should be read alongside *Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2025*.

Prevent is one of the four strands of the government's CONTEST strategy, alongside Pursue, Protect and Prepare.

The aim of Prevent is to stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

The objectives of Prevent are to:

- **tackle the ideological causes of terrorism**
- **intervene early to support people susceptible to radicalisation**
- **enable people who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate**

AIMS

This policy aims to:

- Ensure that staff and pupils are aware of the risks of radicalisation and extremism.
- Provide guidance on how to identify signs of radicalisation and extremism.
- Ensure that all staff understand their responsibilities in relation to preventing radicalisation and extremism.
- Provide a clear framework for responding to concerns about radicalisation and extremism.
- Promote the values of kindness, respect, honesty, initiative, confidence, and perseverance.

PREVENTING RADICALISATION AND EXTREMISM

Our school is committed to promoting British values and the values of Brackenfield, and we believe that this is key to preventing radicalisation and extremism. We will ensure that our pupils understand the importance of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs. We will also promote the values of kindness, respect, honesty, initiative, confidence, and perseverance.

IDENTIFYING SIGNS OF RADICALISATION AND EXTREMISM

All staff will receive training on how to identify signs of radicalisation and extremism. This is carried out on an annual basis using the GOV.UK online training suite. This training will include

information on how to spot signs of vulnerability, such as changes in behaviour, language, and attitudes.

If staff have concerns about a pupil, they will follow the school's safeguarding procedures and report their concerns to the designated safeguarding lead (DSL). The DSL will follow the North Yorkshire Prevent referral process and consult the local Prevent Education Officer where appropriate.

RESPONSIBILITIES

All staff have a responsibility to prevent radicalisation and extremism. They must be aware of the signs of radicalisation and extremism and report any concerns to the DSL who is the Prevent Lead for Brackenfield School.

The DSL will ensure that all staff receive regular training on the Prevent duty and that they are aware of their responsibilities. The DSL will also ensure that the school's safeguarding procedures are followed in relation to Prevent concerns.

Staff receive Prevent training as part of annual safeguarding training, with regular updates throughout the year.

FRAMEWORK FOR RESPONDING TO CONCERNS

If a concern is raised about a pupil, the DSL will follow the school's safeguarding procedures. This may include referring the concern to the Prevent team or other agencies, such as the local authority or the police.

If it is deemed necessary to refer a concern to the Prevent team, the DSL will ensure that the referral is made in accordance with local guidance and that the pupil's welfare is the primary concern.

CONCLUSION

Our school, Brackenfield, is committed to preventing radicalisation and extremism. We believe that everyone has a role to play in keeping our children safe, and we will ensure that our staff are trained and equipped to identify and respond to any concerns. We will also provide a safe and supportive environment for our pupils to learn about British values, the values of Brackenfield, different cultures, and religions.

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