



What is the Prevent strategy?

Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extreme groups.

The Prevent strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including the extreme right wing, violent Islamic groups and other causes such as EDL that are active in the Wakefield area.

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 extremist 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 better understand how to protect themselves.

What does this mean in practice?

Many of the things we already do in school help children become positive, happy members of society also contribute to the Prevent strategy. These include;

- Community charity work in the local area
- Exploring cultures and religions and promoting diversity through our varied curriculum, PHSE and Humanities lessons in particular
- Promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, as well as British values such as democracy in our school council system.

We will also protect children from the risk of radicalisation, for example by using filters on the internet to make sure they cannot access extremist and terrorist material, lessons on E-safety in PHSE. A stringent vetting procedure is in place, for all employees and visitors to the centre.

Frequently asked questions

How does Prevent relate to British values?

Schools have been required to promote British values since 2014; this will continue to be part of the response to Prevent strategy. British values include; Democracy, the law, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

Does my child really need to learn about extremism?

Education can be a powerful tool, equipping young people with the knowledge skills and reflex to think for themselves, to challenge and to debate, and giving young people the opportunity to learn about different cultures and faiths and to gain an understanding of the values we share. Exploring ideas, developing a sense of identity and forming views are a normal part of growing up. The Priory Centre can support young people in this, providing a safe environment for discussing controversial issues and helping young people understand how they can influence and participate in decision making.

What should I do if I am concerned about my child?

If you have any concerns that others are influencing your child, or indeed any child, you can contact school and ask for advice from Mrs K Beal our Safeguarding Lead or the Head teacher Mrs K Baxter. PC Warden is our Safer Schools Police Officer who works alongside us to support young people and their families; you can also contact school and ask to speak to her.