

## The Prevent Duty

The Prevent Duty is legislation designed to protect children from the risk of radicalisation.

Children and students of all ages are potentially vulnerable; while young children are more susceptible to the direct influence of the people around them, older students who have access to the internet are at a greater risk of exposure to exploitative propaganda aimed at them.

It is not simply a matter of preventing our students from coming into contact with extremist ideologies, even if that were possible; although these ideas will not be raised by teachers with very young children, we endeavour to make the school a safe space in which the children and young people can discuss, in an age-appropriate way, things they may hear on the news, or from adults.

Sensitive issues, including, terrorism and the extremist ideas that are part of terrorist ideology, are topics for discussion in Religion and, with older children, Global Issues lessons, where they can bring their thoughts and attitudes into the open among their peers, to be questioned and challenged at a level that is appropriate for their age.

The Prevent duty is not intended to limit discussion of these issues, but to underline schools' existing duties to forbid political indoctrination and secure a balanced presentation of political issues. Our Human Values Statement is clear about the values that underpin our curriculum and approach to teaching in the school.

The close, long-term relationships we have with our children mean that staff are well placed to notice changes in behaviour which could indicate that a child may be in need of help or protection in this regard.

Support for students who may be identified as vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/channel-guidance> .