



## PREVENT POLICY

### Preventing Radicalisation

At Ravenscroft Primary School we enjoy being part of a diverse community and encourage children families and staff to feel valued and respected.

The school is clear that extremism and radicalisation should be viewed as safeguarding concerns. We value freedom of speech and the expression of beliefs and both pupils/students and adults have the right to speak freely and voice their opinions.

- Extremism is views and actions that promote:
  - violence against others
  - hatred towards others
  - undermining the rights of others
- Radicalisation refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and forms of extremism.

There is no single way of identifying an individual who is likely to be susceptible to an extremist ideology. It can happen in many different ways and settings. Specific background factors may contribute to vulnerability which are often combined with specific influences such as family, friends or online, and with specific needs for which an extremist or terrorist group may appear to provide an answer. The internet and the use of social media in particular has become a major factor in the radicalisation of young people.

From 1 July 2015 schools are subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, in the exercise of their functions, to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”.

The statutory Prevent guidance summarises the requirements on schools in terms of four general themes: risk assessment, working in partnership, staff training and IT policies.

As with managing other safeguarding risks, staff should be alert to changes in children’s behaviour and communication which could indicate they may be in need of help or protection. If staff have a concern they should follow local safeguarding procedures and local protocols for multi-agency liaison with police and children’s social care.

The following documents have been taken into account in the production of this policy:

- **The Prevent duty** Departmental advice for schools and childcare providers DfE June 2015
- **How social media is used to encourage travel to Syria and Iraq**: briefing note for schools DfE / Home Office July 2015
- **Learning together to be safe** A toolkit to help schools contribute to the prevention of violent extremism DfE 2008
- **Teaching approaches that help to build resilience to extremism among young people** DfE 2011

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## Appendix A

### Further information & advice for parents

For advice and guidance on the threats posed by radicalisation and extremism please click on the link below.

[www.familiesmatter.org.uk/](http://www.familiesmatter.org.uk/)

<http://www.internetmatters.org/issues/radicalisation/#tab-1431375179-1-12275d-94dab404-ab79>

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