



# PREVENT

## The Prevent Strategy – Information for Parents

### What is the Prevent strategy?

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

### 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 to help children become positive, happy members of society also contribute to the Prevent strategy. These include:

Exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity

Challenging prejudices and racist comments

Developing critical thinking skills and a strong, positive self-identity

Promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, as well as British values such as democracy

We will also protect children from the risk of radicalisation, for example by using filters on the internet to make sure they can't access extremist and terrorist materials, or by vetting visitors who come into the school to work with pupils. Different schools will carry out the Prevent duty in different ways, depending on the age of the children and the needs of the community.

### Key terms

- **Extremism** – vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values such as democracy, the rule of law and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs
- **Ideology** – a set of beliefs
- **Terrorism** – a violent action against people or property, designed to create fear and advance a political, religious or ideological cause
- **Radicalisation** – the process by which a person comes to support extremism and terrorism.

### How does Prevent relate to British values?

***Isn't my child too young to learn about extremism?***

*Is extremism really a risk in our area?*

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**Contact school:**

***See our policies and website:***

**External sources:**

Prevent duty guidance: for England and Wales, HM Government  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>

Prevent for schools  
<http://www.preventforschools.org/>

Let's Talk About It  
<http://www.ltai.info/>

London Grid for Learning  
<http://counterextremism.lgfl.org.uk/index.html>