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St James' Church of England

Junior School

(Voluntary Controlled)



Prevent Policy

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At St. James' we are fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our pupils. As a school we recognise that safeguarding against radicalisation is no different from safeguarding against any other vulnerability.

The aim of this policy is to outline our approach to supporting the national 'Prevent' Agenda linked to the safeguarding of our pupils and staff. This policy is written with reference to the Prevent Duty contained within Section 26 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015. The Duty states that specified authorities, including schools, in the exercise of their functions, must have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism."

OBJECTIVES

- To develop and reinforce awareness of 'Prevent' in the school;
- To recognize current practice which contributes to the 'Prevent' agenda;
- To outline the process of risk assessment in the school in order to identify areas for improvement in meeting the Prevent Duty; and
- To clearly identify the processes involved in making a 'Channel' referral.

The Prevent Agenda

- Prevent is one of the four elements of CONTEST, the government's counter-terrorism strategy. The 4 elements are: Pursue, Protect, Prepare and Prevent. It aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism;
- The Prevent strategy responds to the ideological challenge we face from terrorism and aspects of extremism, and the threat we face from those who promote these views;
- It provides practical help to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure they are given appropriate advice and support;
- It works with a wide range of sectors (including education, criminal justice, faith, charities, online and health) where there are risks of radicalisation;
- The Prevent Duty incorporates the responsibility to promote Fundamental British Values through our practices and the formal and informal curriculum. The Prevent Duty covers all forms of radicalisation, including risk from extremist faith groups, far-right extremism and some aspects of non-violent extremism.

Source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance/revised-prevent-duty-guidance-for-england-and-wales>

Current school practice which contributes to Prevent

- The school Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy features reference to the Prevent agenda to ensure it is within all the protective work we do to safeguard our students, visitors and members of staff;
- The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) arranges training sessions on Prevent to maximise the opportunities for expert input to develop staff awareness;
- Our work to promote Equality and Diversity within the school incorporates British Values, contributes to good community relations and reduces the risk of radicalisation;
- The school's Risk Assessment will be constructed and reviewed by the Headteacher and DSL, drawing in commentary and responsibility for actions from other members of staff as appropriate;
- A summary of the Risk Assessment and Action Plan will be reported annually to the Governors;
- Activities and events which may pose a risk of radicalisation, including the presence of visiting speakers and letting the school premises to outside groups, will be risk assessed using the school format.

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Channel referrals

- A Channel referral is a supportive activity which initially involves identification of any student or member of staff at risk radicalisation;
- A referral should be made via a member of the Safeguarding Team, typically the DSL or Deputy DSL.

Useful websites:

Prevent Duty Guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>

Newham Safeguarding: [Request support or protection of a child](#)