



## **Etherley Lane Primary School**

### **PREVENT Policy**

#### **Introduction and definitions**

PREVENT is one of the four elements of the Governments Counter Terrorism Strategy- PREVENT, PURSUE, PROTECT, PREPARE. The strategy is to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

Radicalisation is defined as the act or process of making a person more radical or favouring of extreme or fundamental changes in political, economic or social conditions, institutions or habits of the mind.

Extremism is defined as the holding of extreme political or religious views.

#### **Scope**

This policy applies to all pupils in this school, all members of staff and governors.

#### **Aims**

The main aims of this policy statement are to ensure that staff are fully engaged in being vigilant about radicalisation, extremism and terrorism; that they overcome any professional disbelief that such issues will not happen and ensure that we work alongside other professional bodies and agencies to ensure that our pupils are safe from harm.

PREVENT is delivered in partnership and is a part of our safeguarding. As a school we are required to

- Assess the risks of radicalisation to our pupils and deliver a proportionate response to the risk.
- Be trained to recognise the signs and know what to do when we are concerned.
- Understand the referral pathway and support available.
- Gain confidence to challenge extremist ideas that are part of terrorist ideology.
- Weave PREVENT into all our policies and practice.
- Teach a broad and balance curriculum which promotes SMSC development and promotes British Values. The curriculum should prepare our pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences in life and promote community cohesion.
- Ensure internet filters are in place to block terrorist and extremist material and that pupils are aware of the procedures to report anything that makes them feel uncomfortable or upset.

#### **Requirements/Expectations**

PREVENT relies on early intervention, staff should be aware of

- Disclosures by pupils of their exposure to extremist actions, views or materials outside of the school.
- Graffiti symbols, writing, art work promoting extremism.
- Pupils accessing extremist materials on line or through social media.
- Parental reports of changes in behaviour/friendship groups.
- Reports of local issues or incidents that could impact on pupils.
- Pupils voicing opinions from extremist ideologies /narratives.
- Use of extremist terms to exclude others or incite violence
- Intolerance of difference whether secular or religious or views based on but not exclusive to gender, disability, homophobia, race, colour or culture.
- Attempts to impose extremist views or practices on others.
- Anti -Western or anti- British views.

Staff should refer any concerns through our safeguarding procedures to the identified strategic PREVENT lead in school: Mrs Bennett who will contact the PREVENT Lead at Durham County Council and Durham Constabulary when outside agencies need to be consulted or for making a Channel referral.

Key contacts are:

PREVENT advice: [Graham.mcardle@durham.gov.uk](mailto:Graham.mcardle@durham.gov.uk)

Education advice: [phil.hodgson@durham.gov.uk](mailto:phil.hodgson@durham.gov.uk)

Channel referral/WRAP training: [steven.holden@durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:steven.holden@durham.pnn.police.uk)  
[Jayne.freeman@durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Jayne.freeman@durham.pnn.police.uk)

## **Resources and Materials**

Staff should make themselves familiar with the following documentation:

PREVENT strategy, GOV.UK

Promoting fundamental British Values as part of SMSC in schools, DFE

Keeping Children Safe in Education DFE

<http://www.safeguardingdurhamadults.info/pages/PreventTraining.aspx>

[http://course.ncalt.com/Channel\\_General\\_Awareness/01/index.html](http://course.ncalt.com/Channel_General_Awareness/01/index.html)

<http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/439598/preventduty-departmentaladvice-v6.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/439598/preventduty-departmentaladvice-v6.pdf)

## **Review**

This policy will be reviewed annually.