Fiveways School
Prevent Policy

Policy Review

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Introduction

In order to fulfil the Prevent duty, it is essential that staff at Fiveways School identify children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation, and know what to do when they are identified. Protecting children from the risk of radicalisation is part of all of our wider safeguarding duties, and is similar in nature to protecting children from other harms (e.g. drugs, gangs, neglect, sexual exploitation), whether these come from within their family or are the product of outside influences.

We can also build pupils' resilience to radicalisation by promoting fundamental British Values and enabling them to challenge extremist views. We do not intend to stop pupils talking about or debating controversial issues. On the contrary, in school, we want to provide a safe space in which children, young people and staff can understand the risks associated with terrorism and develop the knowledge and skills to be able to challenge extremist arguments.

What is Extremism?

"Extremism" is vocal or active opposition to fundamental British Values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. Included in the definition of extremism are calls for the death of members of the armed forces, whether in this country or overseas. Terrorist groups very often draw on extremist ideas developed by extremist organisations.

Risk Assessment

We should be aware of the increased risk of online radicalisation, as terrorist organisations such as

- ISIL seek to radicalise young people through the use of social media and the internet.
- There is no single way of identifying an individual who is likely to be susceptible to a terrorist ideology. As with managing other safeguarding risks, we should be alert to changes in children's behaviour which could indicate that they may be in need of help or protection. Children at risk of radicalisation may display different signs or seek to hide their views.
- School staff should use their professional judgment in identifying children who might be at risk of radicalisation and act proportionately.
- Even very young children may be vulnerable to radicalisation by others, whether in the family or outside, and display concerning behaviour. The Prevent duty does not require teachers or childcare providers to carry out unnecessary intrusion into family life but as with any other safeguarding risk, they must take action when they observe behaviour of concern.
- Procedures are in place for protecting children at risk of radicalisation. These procedures are set out in existing safeguarding policies.

Working in partnership

The Prevent duty builds on existing local partnership arrangements.

- Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) are responsible for co-ordinating what is done by local agencies for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in their local area.
- Local authorities are vital to all aspects of Prevent work.
- Working in conjunction with other partners, in particular the police.
- Effective engagement with parents / the family is also important as they are in a key position to spot signs of radicalisation. We would look to assist and advise families who raise concerns and be able to point them to the right support mechanisms.

Who to contact if you have a Prevent concern

1. To report a concern
   - Police Prevent Team, phone **01179 455 536** – Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm. For out of hours' advice, phone 101, Email PreventSW@avonandsomerset.police.uk.

   - 2. For advice, support and training enquiries
   - Public Health Specialist – Community Safety, Lucy Macready, phone 07887 955 440, email: LMacready@somerset.gov.uk
3. For safeguarding support and advice

- Customer Contact, phone **0300 123 2224** – Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.30pm

4. All other Prevent questions
   - Email; Prevent@somerset.gov.uk

Staff training

The statutory guidance refers to the importance of Prevent awareness training to equip staff to identify children at risk of being drawn into terrorism and to challenge extremist ideas.

- Key staff have received special individual training in accordance with their role in school.
- All of our - Teaching and Support Staff received Prevent as part of Staff training
- New staff will receive Prevent training within first months of joining Fiveways School

IT policies

The statutory guidance makes clear the need for schools to ensure that children are safe from terrorist and extremist material when accessing the internet in schools.

- We ensure that suitable filtering is in place.
- Internet safety is integral to our IT curriculum.

Building children's resilience to radicalisation

Schools of all kinds can play a role in enabling young people to explore issues like terrorism and the wider use of violence in a considered and informed way. We believe that we can build pupils' resilience to radicalisation by providing a safe environment for debating controversial issues and helping them to understand how they can influence and participate in decision-making.

Schools can facilitate understanding of wider issues within the context of learning about the values on which our society is founded and our system of democratic government.

We promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils and, within this, fundamental British values. This is effective in providing pupils with time to explore sensitive or controversial issues, and equipping them with the knowledge and skills to understand and manage difficult situations. The subject teaches pupils to recognise and manage risk, make safer choices, and recognise when pressure from others threatens their personal safety and wellbeing. Through a robust tutor system that teaches the key principals of the British Values we encourage our students to exude those ideologies in their day to day life.

What happens if there is a concern?

- We/you may follow the school's normal safeguarding and child protection procedures, including discussing with the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Swavek Nowakiewicz or his Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Sam Ensor. In their absence please see Assistant Headteacher James Holgate.
- Possible Channel referrals will be discussed by the school Safeguarding Team if appropriate and in accordance with government guidelines.
- We/you may contact our local police force or dial 101 (the non-emergency number). They can talk to you in confidence about your concerns and help you gain access to support and advice.
- The Department for Education has dedicated a telephone helpline (**020 7340 7264**) to enable you to raise concerns relating to extremism directly. Concerns can also be raised by email to **counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk** or follow Somerset refers process (**Apendix1**). Please note that the helpline is not intended for use in emergency situations, such as a child being at immediate risk of harm or a security incident, in which case the normal emergency procedures should be followed.

Equality and Diversity

All developments are intended to ensure that no-one is treated in any way less favourably on the grounds of race, colour, national or ethnic or social origin, race, disability, gender, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, marriage & civil partnership, pregnancy & maternity, age, religion/ belief or political/ other personal beliefs.

Related Policies

- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Equal Opportunities Policy

For farther information please follow the link:

https://www.somerset.gov.uk/health-safety-and-wellbeing/prevent-in-somerset/

Appendix 1

The Prevent duty: an introduction for those with safeguarding responsibilities

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https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-prevent-duty-safeguarding-learners-vulnerable-to-radicalisation/the-prevent-duty-an-introduction-for-those-with-safeguarding-responsibilities

How to report extremism

If you need to report extremism concerns about an adult working in a school, college or organisation that works with children, young people or adult learners, you should:

- contact your local authority designated officer (LADO) through your local safeguarding partnership or local authority
- submit the details at report extremism in education

Somerset Prevent Duty Referral Chart

NOTICE

Person vulnerable to radicalisation is identified.

CHECK

- Gather more information consult The Effective Support document
- Identify other support which may already be in place
- Identify and share on EHA any previous intervention

(http://sscb.safeguardingsomerset.org.uk/protocols-procedures-and-reviews/threshold-documents/) and identify what further action is required.

For Support and advice (not referrals):

SCC Prevent Team:
prevent@somerset.gov.uk

SHARE

Child < 18 (up to 25 with Special Educational Needs Disabilities – SEND)
Complete an Early Help Assessment
http://professionalchoices.org.uk/eha/

Forward the Assessment to the Police Prevent Team
channelsw@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk
(If the police team conclude police intervention is not required at this time, please consider other EH options and multi-agency processes such as Team Around the School or Team Around the Family)

Adult (18 +)

Contact **Police Prevent Team on** 01278 647466 ***(Monday/ Friday – 0800 hrs-1600 hrs.***
Out of hours advice call 101)

Email 24hours:
channelsw@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk

999 - If there an is immediate risk (high risk) e.g. intent to harm or travel abroad in next 24hrs

Consent Guide

- You do not need consent to refer a case to the Police Prevent Team regardless of age
- Nevertheless, it is good practice, in the case of a child / young person / family; it is recommended that consent is gained to ensure early help is engaged as soon as possible, to ensure transparency. http://www.somerset.gov.uk/information-and-statistics/data-protection/data-protection-act/

Police and SCC Prevent team assess the referral and its suitability for the Channel panel.
Contact is made with referrer.