

Thomas Gray Primary School

Prevent Policy

Safeguarding Policy “Prevent” and Protecting Pupils from Violent Extremism and radicalisation Policy statement:

Our school recognises that it has a duty of care towards its pupils and that safeguarding against extreme radicalisation that may leave them vulnerable to violent extremism is one of those duties.

This policy aims to make it clear that:-

- There is no place for extremists in the School, including expression of extremist views, vocal or active, which are opposed to fundamental British values.
- We protect all pupils from harm and ensure that they are taught in a way that is consistent with the law and the British values of tolerance, democracy and liberty.
- We address both Awareness of Prevent and the risks.

What is prevent?

The Government’s National Prevent strategy aim is to:-

- Stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

This is supported by three specific objectives:

- Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it.
- Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure they are given appropriate advice and support (individuals).
- Work with a wide range of sectors and institutions (including education, faith, health and criminal) where there are risks of radicalisation.

Procedures

Our school will:-

- Raise awareness of The Prevent Duty amongst staff and governors.
- Restrict internet access and use to promote safeguarding and British Values and avoid extremism.
- Promote Christian values of tolerance, respect and the British values.
- Monitor children’s views, values and tolerance.
- Apply safer recruitment procedures outlined in the Recruitment and Selection Policy.
- Ensure that staff do not use teaching materials which may encourage intolerance.
- Ensure children are not actively encouraged by teachers or visitors to the school to support extremist views of any form.
- Provide staff training, including newly appointed staff when undergoing induction on the practice of this policy within our school.
- Regularly monitor staff conduct in school and online, and where necessary, i.e. in extreme cases where it is felt that the staff is a cause for concern, the school will contact the relevant authorities (central Prevent Team, local Police enforcement).

What to do if you have a concern

- As explained above, if a member of staff in a school has a concern about a particular pupil or other member of staff, they should follow the school's normal safeguarding procedures, including discussing with the school's designated safeguarding lead, and where deemed necessary, with children's social care. In Prevent priority areas, the local authority will have a Prevent lead who can also provide support.
- You can also contact your 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 staff and governors to raise concerns relating to extremism directly. Concerns can also be raised by email to counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk. 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.

Signed: AP. Taylor

Chair of Governors

Signed: [Signature]

Headteacher

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