

Irthington Village School
PREVENT POLICY
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This policy has been developed in accordance with the principles established by the Children Acts 1989 and 2004; the Education Act 2002, and in line with government publications: 'Working Together to Safeguard Children', Revised Safeguarding Statutory Guidance 2 'Framework for the Assessment of Children in Need and their Families', 'What to do if You are Worried a Child is Being Abused'.

The guidance reflects, 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' and our responsibilities with regard to the Prevent Strategy.

Aims

To ensure staff are aware of the Prevent Strategy and able to protect children and young people who are vulnerable or at risk of being radicalised

Practice

We ensure all staff, Governors and parent helpers have DBS checks

We will ensure staff are aware of the risks to children and young people of being radicalised. All staff have completed Prevent Awareness Training.

Managing Referrals

We will refer any child/ren at risk of being radicalised or extremism through the **Local Authority Channel Referral and Intervention** processes.

Raise Awareness

Through continuous CPD we will ensure staff and governors are aware of how to identify and respond to risks to children from extreme or radical views

- The school recognises its duty to protect our students from indoctrination into any form of extreme ideology which may lead to the harm of self or others. This is particularly important because of the open access to electronic information through the internet. The schools aims to safeguard young people through educating them on the appropriate use of social media and the dangers of downloading and sharing inappropriate material which is illegal under the Counter-Terrorism Act.
- The school vets all visitors carefully and will take firm action if any individual or group is perceived to be attempting to influence members of our school community, either physically or electronically.
- Our definition of radical or extreme ideology is '***a set of ideas which could justify vilification or violence against individuals, groups or self.***'
- Staff are trained to be vigilant for spotting signs of extremist view and behaviours and to always report anything which may suggest a student is expressing opinions which may cause concern.
- We place a strong emphasis on the common values that all communities share such as self-respect, understanding, tolerance and the sanctity of life. We work hard to broaden our students' experience, to prepare them for life and work in contemporary Britain. We teach them to respect and value the diversity around them as well as understanding how to make safe, well-considered decisions.