



The Prevent Strategy

Parent Information

What is the Prevent strategy?

Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes.

The Prevent Strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including the extreme right wing, violent Islamist groups and other causes such as animal rights activists.

How does the Prevent strategy apply to Shirland Primary School?

All schools have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism.

This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views in the same way we protect them from other issues, such as online safety and drugs.

Most importantly, we can provide a safe place for children to discuss these issues so they better understand how to protect themselves.

What does this mean in practice?

Many of the things we already do in school to help children to become positive, happy members of society also contribute to the Prevent strategy.

These include:

- Exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity, through visits and teaching.
- Challenging prejudices and racist comments
- Develop children's critical thinking skills and a strong positive self-identity
- Promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, as well as other British Values such as democracy.

We also protect children from the risk of radicalisation, for example by using filters on the internet so that they can't access extremist materials and conduct detailed risk assessments of visitors and school visits.

Teachers will take into account the age of the children and the needs of the community when carrying out their Prevent duty.

Frequently Asked Questions

How does Prevent relate to British Values?

All schools have been required to promote British Values since 2014. These are:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Respect
- Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

This will continue to be part of our response to the Prevent strategy. At Shirland, designated time is allocated to these values, throughout the academic year.

Isn't my child too young to learn about extremism?

The Prevent Strategy is not just for discussing extremism itself as this is not appropriate for young children, but it is about teaching children values such as tolerance and mutual respect.

Shirland staff have received annual training, which is based upon government guidelines, in support of the Prevent strategy. In addition, we will make sure any discussions are suitable for the age and maturity of the children.

Is extremism a risk in our area?

Extremism can take many forms, including political and religious extremism. Some of these may be a threat in our area.

We aim to prepare the children and encourage them to have a strong positive identity, so that they know what to do if they encounter anything that they may be concerned with.

Key Terms

Extremism - vocal or active opposition to the fundamental British Values: Democracy, The rule of law, Individual liberty and Respect, Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.

Ideology - a set of beliefs.

Terrorism - a violent action against people or property, designed to create fear and advance political, religious or ideological cause.

Radicalisation - the process by which a person comes to support extremism and terrorism.

Where to go for more information

Contact the school

If you have any questions or concerns about the Prevent strategy and what it means for your child, please do not hesitate to contact us.

See our policies

You can access our safeguarding policies on our school website or request to see a hard copy at the office.

We can also talk to you about how we promote British Values through our curriculum and the ways in which we address spiritual, moral, social and cultural values.

External sources

Protecting children from radicalisation: for England and Wales, HM Government - www.gov.uk

NSPCC - [Radicalisation and child protection | NSPCC Learning](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-prevent/)

What is Prevent? Let's Talk About It
<http://www.ltai.info/what-is-prevent/>