



Prevent Duty

As part of Wadsworth Fields Primary School's ongoing safeguarding and child protection duties we are fully behind the government's *Prevent Strategy*.

From 1 July 2015 all schools are subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, in the exercise of their functions, to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”. This duty is known as the *Prevent Duty for Schools*.

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. All staff and governors have undertaken Channel General Awareness training. The module provides information on Channel, highlights schools responsibilities and raises awareness in identifying factors that can make a young person vulnerable to radicalisation.

Staff have also undertaken WRAP (Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent) training

IT and safety

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. At Wadsworth Fields strict filters are in place through the local authority IT support.

More generally, schools have an important role to play in equipping children and young people to stay safe online, both in school and outside. Pupils are taught internet safety as part of the Computer Science curriculum.

Checks on adults in school

All adults working or helping in school have a full DBS or CRB check in place a record of which can be found in the Single Central Record held in the school office.

Building children's resilience to radicalisation

At Wadsworth Fields we aim to build pupils' resilience to radicalisation by promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils throughout the curriculum and, within this, fundamental British values. Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) provides pupils with opportunities for children to explore sensitive and controversial issues,

developing their skills and knowledge in how to deal with difficult situations. The subject can be used to teach pupils to recognise and manage risk, make safer choices, and recognise when pressure from others threatens their personal safety and wellbeing. They can also develop effective ways of resisting pressures, including knowing when, where and how to get help. The PSHE and Be The Best You Can Be curriculum encourages pupils to develop positive character traits such as resilience, determination, self-esteem, and confidence.

What to do if you have concerns

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, staff 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 judgement 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.

Nottinghamshire referral Pathways

As with all safeguarding concerns staff should report these to the Designated Person. At Wadsworth Fields this is Lynn Corner-Brown, Ruth Noyes and Julie Hodgkinson.

Where a school has growing concerns that intervention at school level is insufficient or is concerned that a young person might become actively involved in violent extremism (including promoting or supporting it as well as through direct violent actions) schools should:

- Refer to the district leads Youth Offending Team for Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe
Team Manager John Evans, tel: 0115 9774774
- Contact Nottinghamshire Prevent Team prevent@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk or call 101 and ask for Nottinghamshire's Prevent Team
- Inform Sarah Lee sarah.lee@nottscg.gov.uk 0115 8546440

Referring an Adult

If a school is concerned that an adult (teacher, TA, governor, parent, older sibling, visitor, temporary staff or any adult of concern), these referrals should be referred to the Designated Person who will then make a referral directly to the Police Prevent Team. They can be contacted directly on 101 Ext 801 5060 or via prevent@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk.

Referring to the MASH

Where in the school's view, there needs to be involvement from Social Care, for example, where the school is worried that a young person/ parent may be planning to go abroad to support extremism, enquiries should be directed to the MASH. It should be noted that this guidance does not change any existing thresholds related to referring abuse or neglect. Where a school needs support to access training or general advice about Prevent the Achievement & Equality Team can be contacted on 0115 854 6440 or via ecas@nottsc.gov.uk

Other sources of support and information

- Prevent Strategy
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/97976/prevent-strategy-review.pdf
- Prevent for schools
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/439598/prevent-duty-departmental-advice-v6.pdf
- Additional advice in relation to social media is published by the DfE and can be accessed via <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-use-of-social-media-for-online-radicalisation> .
- The DfE has published additional online resources which can be accessed through the TES website, which schools will need to register with. Information and advice can be accessed at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preventing-extremism-in-schools-and-childrens-services/preventing-extremism-in-the-education-and-childrens-services-sectors>
- The DfE has set up a national helpline which is open Monday-Friday 9am – 6pm (excluding bank holidays). The telephone number is 020 7340 7264 or by email at counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk
- Schools and other partners can also access the UK Prevent “Cloud repository” which holds Prevent materials and resources, including lesson plans which practitioners can

use with students to raise their own awareness and understanding of the issues. These can be accessed by all specified bodies on request. All that is required is that the user has a gmail account and that the details of this account are registered with Kay Mortimer via an email request to have access to the Prevent materials kay.mortimer.6527@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk Once your account is synched with the National Counter Terrorism Policing Headquarters you will be able to access the resources and share your account or the resources from it with other partners/colleagues.

You may wish to make use of the following national campaigns to support your work in school:-

- Police on-line campaign- "Prevent Tragedies" <http://www.preventtragedies.co.uk>
- #NotinMyName
- #AllStandTogether
- #OpenYourEyes
- the confidential on-line reporting system for sharing concerns which is appropriate to share with your pupils via posters in school etc <http://seeitreportit.org>