



# The Prevent Strategy

## 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.

## How does the Prevent strategy apply to schools?

From July 2015 all schools (as well as other organisations) have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism. This duty was revised on the 31st December 2023 and whilst there were no additional roles and responsibilities for schools, it provided a good opportunity for us here across Kernow Learning to remind all staff about the importance of it.

This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views the same way we protect them from drugs or gang violence.

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

## Key Terms

- Extremism – vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values such as democracy, the rule of law and 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 a political, religious or ideological cause
- Radicalisation – the process by which a person comes to support extremism and terrorism

## What does this mean in practice?

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

These include:

- Exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity
- Challenging prejudices and racist comments
- Developing critical thinking skills and a strong, positive self-identity
- Promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, as well as British values such as democracy

We will also protect children from the risk of radicalisation, for example by using filters on the internet to make sure they can't access extremist and terrorist material, or by vetting

visitors who come into school to work with pupils.

Different schools will carry out the Prevent duty in different ways, depending on the age of the children and the needs of the community.

## 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 the school.
- See our policies - You will find more details about radicalisation in our safeguarding policy, available on our website. We also have information about spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and British values.

## The following sources may also be useful for further information:

- Prevent duty guidance: for England and Wales, HM Government  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>
- Commonly asked questions -  
<https://www.educateagainsthate.com/common-questions/>
- What is Prevent? Let's Talk About It  
<http://www.ltai.info/what-is-prevent/>