



# Prevent Strategy

## Introduction

HM Government has published guidance for authorities, including schools, on their responsibilities under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act, which came into effect on 1 July 2015. Under the Act, schools and other authorities have a duty to “have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”.

## 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, religious extremists and other causes.

## How does the Prevent strategy apply to Greenside 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 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.

## 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.

## **Frequently asked questions**

### ***How does Prevent relate to British values?***

Schools have been required to promote British values since 2014, and this will continue to be part of our response to the Prevent strategy. British values include:

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

### ***Would my child understand what extremism means?***

The Prevent strategy is not just about discussing extremism itself, which may not be appropriate for all pupils. It is also about teaching values such as tolerance and mutual respect. The school will make sure any discussions are suitable for the age and understanding of each child.

### ***Is extremism really a risk in our area?***

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

We will give children the skills to protect them from any extremist views they may encounter, now or later in their lives.

### **Prevent strategy leaders at Greenside are:**

- **Jill Smith** (DSL)
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### **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.

### **Relevant policies** (available on the school's website)

- Safeguarding policy.
- Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) policy
- Promoting British Values at Greenside School.

### **External sources of further information**

The following sources may also be useful for further information:

*Prevent duty guidance: for England and Wales, HM Government*

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/417943/Prevent\\_Duty\\_Guidance\\_England\\_Wales.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/417943/Prevent_Duty_Guidance_England_Wales.pdf)

*Prevent for schools*

[http://www.preventforschools.org/?category\\_id=38](http://www.preventforschools.org/?category_id=38)

*Let's talk about it*

<http://www.ltai.info/what-is-prevent/>