

# **Prevent Policy**

October 2025

All schools have a duty to support the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. This guidance is designed to aid schools to be able to think about how they can protect children from the risk of radicalisation and have an awareness of the services that are available to support their concerns.

As a school we forbid political indoctrination in any form and work to ensure that our pupils have a balanced presentation of political issues. We actively promote spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of our pupils and, within this, British values.

At Highgate Primary School we are actively implementing the Prevent duty in the following ways:

#### Curriculum

Pupils are taught about the diverse national, regional, religious and ethnic identities in the UK and the importance of mutual respect and understanding. Our curriculum celebrates and reflects the diverse community that we are fortunate to have at our school. The school achieves this through a wide range of ways which are regularly evaluated.

#### **ICT**

We have in place a robust filtering system that ensures that terrorist and extremist material is not accessible via the internet at school. We teach children the wider dangers of the internet and equip them with the knowledge to stay safe online both at home and school.

#### **PSHE**

Our fundamental school ethos is that everybody is valued equally and deserves respect. We pride ourselves on having a strong 'talking' culture where we are able to explore controversial issues in a safe environment. Our Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) builds on this idea in the following ways:

- Building resilience, self-esteem and confidence
- Encouraging children to make the right decisions, manage risk and make safer choices
- Encouraging debate and challenging ideas

## **Staff Responsibilities**

The school ensures that all staff have a good understanding of the issues surrounding the Prevent agenda. It ensures this in a range of ways including:

- Named designated member of staff in school
- Named member of staff has completed Home Office Prevent Awareness and Home Office Prevent Referrals training
- Whole staff training on the Prevent duty and role of Channel
- Whole staff training on how to identify and protect children from the risk of radicalisation

## Designated member of staff's responsibility

- Secure register of concerns held and referred, if appropriate, to the relevant professional organisation
- Knowledge of Counter-terrorism Local Policy (CTLPS) and base analysis of the local environment from the Metropolitan police [E] booked in for Risk picture Update on Counter Terrorism 5/11
- Monitoring of after school provision and supplementary provision if concerns are held
- Carry out reasonable checks, for example for links with extremism, on all visitors who are intending to work with children, learners and/or staff
- Effective engagement with parents and a solid understanding of how to refer any parents with concerns to the relevant agency

# Links to other policy documents

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following documents:

- Curriculum Policy
- Teaching and Learning Policy
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Online Safety Policy
- PSHE Policy

# **Staff Responsible**

William Dean Headteacher

Emma Judge Deputy Headteacher and Head of Inclusion

Designated Prevent Duty Officer

Liz Morris Safeguarding Governor

### **Policy Monitoring and Review**

A copy of this guidance is available to all staff and parents and is published on the school website. Parents will be made aware of this policy when their child is admitted to this school.

This policy is reviewed every year by the Governors' Safeguarding Committee at the same time as the schools Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

#### **Useful links**

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-prevent-duty-safeguarding-learners-vulnerable-to-radicalisation

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/380595/SMSC\_Guidance\_Maintained\_Schools.pdf

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-prevent-duty-safeguarding-learners-vulnerable-to-radicalisation/the-prevent-duty-an-introduction-for-those-with-safeguarding-responsibilities

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-prevent-duty-safeguarding-learners-vulnerable-to-radicalisation

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance

https://www.educateagainsthate.com/