

St Chad's Patchway CE VC Primary School

Safeguarding and Child Protection and how this relates to radicalisation

"Learning to love, loving to learn."

Our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy has been updated to meet the requirements of the latest relevant legislation and can be found on this page (key information) and on the policies page.

At St Chad's, ensuring the safety of children is paramount. We do this by:

- providing a safe environment for children to learn
- listening to what children tell us
- identifying children who are suffering or likely to suffer significant harm, and taking appropriate action with the aim of making sure that they are kept safe both at home and in the education setting.

To achieve this, we

- identify instances where there are grounds for concern about a child's welfare and initiate or take appropriate action to keep them safe.
- contribute to effective partnership working between all those involved in providing services for our children.
- aim to prevent unsuitable people from working with children.
- promote safe practice and challenge any poor or unsafe practice.
- Ensure staff receive training:
 - **Induction** for staff on entry to the school.
 - **Safeguarding and child protection training** for all staff.
 - **PREVENT strategy training** for all staff.

The Designated Lead for Safeguarding and Child Protection (including the PREVENT strategy) at St Chad's is **Mrs S Jenkins (Headteacher)**.

The Deputy Designated Lead for Safeguarding and Child Protection (including the PREVENT strategy) at St Chad's is **Mrs H Ives (Deputy Headteacher)**.

We have a Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding and Child Protection (including the PREVENT strategy) who can be identified through the governors' webpage.

PREVENT strategy

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".

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 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 means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views the same way we protect them from other dangers. 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 any 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. All staff are trained to spot signs to be concerned about and know to report this to the Designated Safeguard Lead or Deputy Designated Safeguard Lead.

We also follow up to date advice as given nationally and by the Local Authority and use the Local Authority referrals and channel process:

Child Sexual Exploitation and Guidance – available at: Child Sexual Exploitation Guidance and

SERAF <http://edocs.southglos.gov.uk/cse/>

Prevent Guidance – available at: Prevent in South Gloucestershire <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/community-and-living/stronger-communities/prevent-in-south-gloucestershire/>

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

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

The Prevent strategy is not just about discussing extremism itself, which may not be appropriate for younger children. It is also about teaching children values such as tolerance and mutual respect.

The school will make sure any discussions are suitable for the age and maturity of the children involved.

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.

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.

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

Here you will find more details on how we support children in developing to be secure and well-rounded people who are secure in themselves and love the world we live in.

External sources

The following sources may also be useful for further information:

Prevent duty guidance: for England and Wales, HM Government

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office>

What is Prevent? Let's Talk About It

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