

## **The Prevent Strategy at All Saints Catholic Primary School**

At All Saints, we are committed to keeping our pupils safe from all forms of harm, including the dangers of extremism and radicalisation. The government's Prevent Strategy is part of our efforts to protect children from being drawn into harmful and violent ideologies.

### **What is the Prevent Strategy?**

The Prevent Strategy is a government plan to stop people from becoming involved in terrorism or supporting extremist causes. It covers all kinds of extremism, including violent groups and other harmful ideas.

### **How Does the Prevent Strategy Apply to Schools?**

Since July 2015, schools have been required to help protect children from becoming involved in extremist or radical views. This is part of our wider responsibility to keep children safe, just like we protect them from other dangers.

At All Saints, we provide a safe environment for pupils to talk about important issues and help them understand how to protect themselves.

### **What Does This Mean in Practice?**

A lot of the things we already do at All Saints help to keep children safe and support the Prevent Strategy. For example, we:

- Celebrate and explore different cultures and religions to promote diversity.
- Challenge any prejudices or racist comments.
- Teach children to think critically and develop a positive sense of self-identity.
- Promote British values such as democracy, the rule of law, and respect for others.

We also use things like internet filters to block harmful content and carefully check anyone visiting our school to work with pupils.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

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

Since 2014, schools have been required to teach British values. This includes:

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

These values are part of how we help children understand and protect themselves from harmful ideas.

### **Is my child too young to learn about extremism?**

The Prevent Strategy isn't just about talking about extremism—it's about teaching children values like kindness, respect, and tolerance. We will always make sure that any discussions are appropriate for your child's age and understanding.

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

Extremism can show up in many forms, such as political, religious, or social views. While some types might be more of a concern in some areas, it's important that we equip children with the skills to protect themselves from any harmful views, no matter where they come from.

### **Key Terms to Know**

- **Extremism:** Strongly opposing fundamental British values like democracy and tolerance.
- **Ideology:** A set of ideas or beliefs.
- **Terrorism:** Violent actions intended to cause fear and support a political, religious, or ideological cause.
- **Radicalisation:** The process where a person starts supporting extremist ideas.

### **What we do if there is a concern**

- If we have a concern about a particular pupil we will follow the school's normal safeguarding procedures, including discussing with the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and Prevent Lead, or a member of the Safeguarding Team where deemed necessary, with children's social care.
- We may also contact the local police force or dial 101 (the non-emergency number). They can talk

to us in confidence about concerns and help us gain access to support and advice.

- The Department for Education has dedicated a telephone helpline (020 7340 7264) to enable staff and governors to raise concerns relating to extremism directly. Concerns can also be raised by email to [counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk) Please note that the helpline is not intended for use in emergency situations, such as a child being at immediate risk of harm or a security incident. In an emergency we will follow the recommended emergency procedures.

If you have any questions about the Prevent Strategy or how we keep pupils safe at All Saints, please don't hesitate to contact us.