



The Prevent agenda

Information for parents

What is the PREVENT agenda?

PREVENT is part of the government strategy to safeguarding vulnerable people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist activities.

PREVENT covers all forms of extremism including extreme right wing, single agenda, and violent Islamic themed groups.

How does PREVENT apply to schools?

From July 2015 all schools have a duty to safeguard children from the risk of exploitation by extremists, much in the same way we safeguard children from drugs or gang violence involvement.

Key terms

Extremism – vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values such as democracy, the rule of law, and tolerance

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

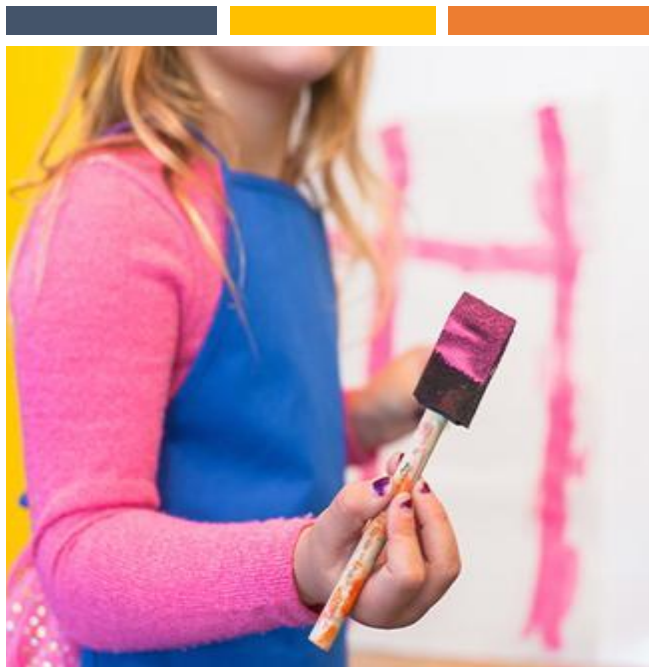
If you believe a young person or vulnerable adult is at risk of radicalisation you can refer them to Middlesbrough Council Safeguarding on (01642) 726004 or Cleveland Police on 101.

Contact the school

If you have any questions or concerns about the PREVENT agenda and what it means for your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

See our policies

You will find more details about radicalisation and extremism in our policies, available on our website.





What does this mean in practice?

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

These include:

- exploring other cultures and religions, and promoting diversity
- challenging prejudices and racist comments
- developing critical thinking skills
- promoting the spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development of pupils including promotion of British values
- awareness raising and developing critical thinking around the online space

We also protect children from the risk of radicalisation in other ways including using filtering on the internet or by vetting visitors who come to the school to work with pupils.

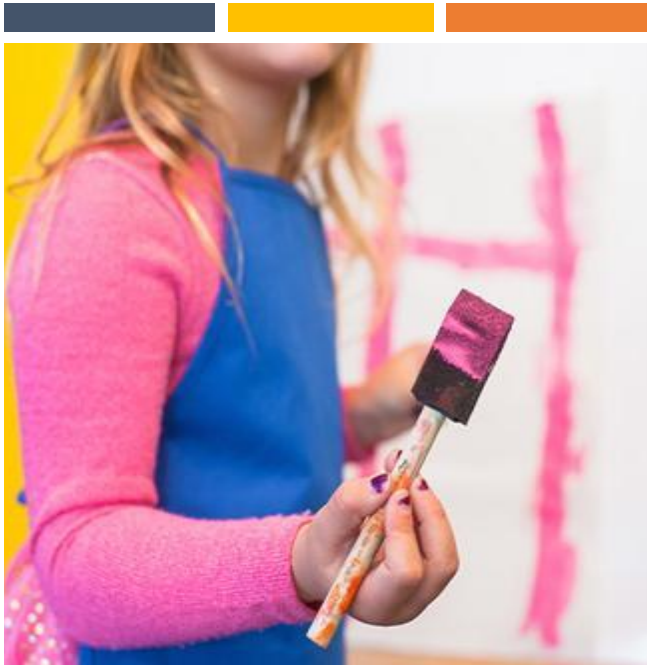
Frequently asked questions

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 PREVENT.

British values include:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- tolerance for different faiths and beliefs



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

The PREVENT agenda is not about discussing extremism itself but it is more about teaching children values including tolerance and mutual respect, particularly with younger children.

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

External resources

Below are some useful links

Middlesbrough PREVENT

<https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/community-support-and-safety/prevent>

Prevent Tragedies

<http://www.preventtragedies.co.uk>

Jan Trust <https://jantrust.org>

UK government: foreign travel advice

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

Cleveland Police

<https://www.cleveland.police.uk>

Thinkuknow

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

FAST <https://familiesmatter.org.uk/take-action/finding-help>