



Whitecross Nursery Prevent Duty

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This policy will be reviewed sooner if there is a change to legislation or guidance that may affect it. Any changes will be communicated to all stakeholders.

There is no requirement to have a Prevent policy in nursery, but all staff and governors must have full understanding of what their prevent duty is.

Prevent is also covered in our safeguarding policy

What is the Prevent duty?

The Prevent duty requires **all** schools to "have due regard to the need to prevent people being drawn into terrorism", under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015. The duty covers all types of extremism, whether political, religious or ideological.

What does it mean for your school?

You need to protect children from the risk of radicalisation, as part of your wider safeguarding duties and duty to promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of children.

To do this, you should:

- Promote the fundamental British values - of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs - in your curriculum
- Make sure your school is a safe space for children to discuss sensitive topics, including terrorism and extremism
- Ensure you have robust safeguarding procedures to identify children at risk
- Engage with your LA's risk assessment to determine the potential risk of individuals being drawn into terrorism in your local area
- Make sure you have measures in place to protect children from harmful online content, including setting up appropriate filtering and monitoring systems

- Make sure staff receive training to help them identify children at risk, challenge extremist ideas, and know how to act if they have a concern

As a minimum, your designated safeguarding lead (DSL) should have Prevent awareness training. But it's best practice for all staff and governors to have up to date Prevent awareness training.

What should I do if I have a concern?

Follow your school's usual safeguarding procedures. Discuss these with the DSL, and they will decide whether to involve other agencies such as the LA, police, social services, or Channel, the government's programme for identifying and supporting those at risk of being drawn into terrorism.