



Prevent Duty Policy

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Next review	09.09.26

1. Statement of Intent

Sacred Heart Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all pupils. Protecting children from the risk of radicalisation and extremism is part of our wider safeguarding duty. This policy outlines how the school fulfils its statutory responsibilities under the Prevent duty.

2. Legal Framework

This policy has due regard to the following:

- Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015
- DfE (2023) Keeping Children Safe in Education
- HM Government (2015) Revised Prevent Duty Guidance: for England and Wales
- Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018, updated 2023)

This policy operates in conjunction with the:

- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Online Safety Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Staff Code of Conduct

3. Roles and Responsibilities

- Academy Council – ensures compliance with the Prevent duty and monitors implementation.
- Headteacher – ensures staff understand their responsibilities and receive appropriate training.
- DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) – has lead responsibility for Prevent, including making referrals to external agencies.
- All Staff – must be able to identify pupils who may be vulnerable to radicalisation and know how to respond.

4. Risk Assessment

The school will:

- Assess the risk of pupils being drawn into radicalisation or extremism.
- Consider the local context and work with local safeguarding partners.
- Ensure the curriculum promotes British values and resilience to extremist narratives.

5. Training

- All staff receive Prevent awareness training as part of safeguarding induction.
- Refresher training is provided at least annually.
- Governors receive training to understand their statutory responsibilities.

6. Procedures for Concerns

- Staff who identify concerns about radicalisation or extremism must report them immediately to the DSL.
- The DSL will assess the concern, consult with safeguarding partners where necessary, and may make a referral to the Channel programme or local Prevent team.
- Records of all concerns and actions are kept securely in line with the Safeguarding Policy.

7. Curriculum and Promotion of British Values

The school actively promotes the fundamental British values of:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

These are embedded across the curriculum, particularly in PSHE, RSE, citizenship, assemblies, and through the wider ethos of the school.

8. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually, or earlier if there are changes in legislation or guidance.