



The PREVENT Strategy at Park Lane Primary & Nursery School

What is the PREVENT strategy?

PREVENT is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extreme 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 have a duty to keep children safe from radicalisation and extremism. This means we have a duty to protect them from extreme and violent views in the same way that we protect them from drugs or gang violence.

In school, we can provide a safe place for children to discuss these issues so they have a better understanding about how to protect themselves.

What does this mean at Park Lane?

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

- We encourage open discussion throughout the school, particularly in PSHE lessons. Children are taught to listen to others with tolerance whilst discussing their own opinions. They are taught to respect the views of others and other ways of life.
- Our children have opportunities to learn about and visit different places of worship to foster religious and cultural tolerance.
- Children are taught in ICT to question what they read on the internet.
- Children are encouraged to talk to an adult about things that worry or confuse them

How does PREVENT relate to British values?

Schools have been actively promoting British values since 2014. British values include:

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

Our statement on British values is also on our website. This will continue to be part of our response to the PREVENT strategy.

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

The PREVENT strategy is not just about discussing extremism itself, which may not be suitable or appropriate for younger children. It is also about teaching values such as tolerance and respect. School staff will make sure that all 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. It can be linked to politics, religion, colour of skin or nationality. Some of these may be a bigger threat here in Whittlesey than others. We will try to give our children the skills to protect them from any extremist views they may encounter, now or later in their lives.



If you have any questions or concerns about the PREVENT strategy and what it means for your child, please contact the school office.

The following sources may also be useful:

Prevent duty guidance

www.gov.uk/government/publications/protecting-children-from-radicalisation-the-prevent-duty

Frequently asked questions, Prevent For Schools

www.preventforschools.org/?category