

The 'Prevent' duty:

All education settings must try to prevent children and young people from being drawn into extremism and/or terrorism.

Extremism is defined as:

Opposition to fundamental values, e.g. democracy, law, liberty, respect & tolerance of other faiths & beliefs; that can be used to sow division on the basis of race, faith, denomination; to justify discrimination towards women and girls; persuade others that minorities are inferior etc.

It includes e.g. far right views, animal rights activism and religious fundamentalism.

Protecting students from these risks is similar to protecting them from harm and abuse.

The Prevent programme must not involve any covert activity against people or communities. However, specified authorities may need to share personal information, e.g. to ensure that a student at risk of radicalisation is given appropriate support.

Factors making students vulnerable include:

- Pressure from peers & others or the internet
- Crime against them or involvement in crime
- Anti-social behaviour and bullying
- Family tensions
- Race or hate crime
- Lack of self-esteem or identity
- Personal or political grievances

Signs to look out for include:

- Isolation
- Fixation on an ideology/belief/subject
- Sense of injustice/grievance
- Subjected to group influence/control
- Seeking identity/meaning/belonging
- 'Them' and 'us' perspective on situations
- Attitudes that justify offending etc.

If you think a student might be at risk:

- Inform your DSL/D immediately
- The DSL/D can assess the needs of the student & family with an Early Help Assessment (EHA) and be supported within school & a 'team around the family' meeting
- Serious or immediate concerns must be referred immediately by the DSL/D to Children's Social Care, & may involve Police, other agencies and the Channel Programme

Education settings should ensure that:

- They are alert to changes in behaviour which may indicate that a student needs help or protection
- They discuss & challenge ideas via the curriculum, debates, outside speakers, etc.
- They have clear procedures in place to assess & protect students at risk
- Designated Safeguarding Leads & Deputies:
 - undertake mandatory 'Workshop for Raising Awareness of Prevent' (WRAP) training
 - provide briefings, awareness, advice and support to staff & volunteers
- Students are safe from terrorist & extremist material when accessing the settings internet
- They give a **proportionate** response to the risk
- They work with all services, e.g. Youth Justice, Social Care, & Community Youth Teams, to ensure the welfare of students, staff & visitors.

'Prevent' does not:

- Stop students from debating 'risky' issues
- Require staff to intrude unnecessarily into family life
- Override your legal duties of ensuring freedom of speech within legal boundaries

Be careful that you do not stereotype – any group or community can be drawn to extremist ideas & put a child or young person at risk.

'Prevent' Single Point of Contact:

Steve Hill, LADO, Tel: **0114 2734850**

Anyone can report a concern in confidence to:

Police Prevent Team: Tel: **0114 2523217** (8-4PM)

Out of hours: 101, or in an emergency 999

Email: Prevent@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

Useful resources:

- [Prevent Duty Guidance, DfE 2015](#)
- [Keeping Children Safe in Education, DfE 2018](#)
- [ACT campaign \(including Education resources\)](#)
- [Terrorism Act 2000](#)
- [Channel Guidance, HO 2015](#)
- [SSCB Child Protection & Safeguarding Procedures](#)