



Preventing Extremism and Radicalisation Guidance

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To be read alongside all relevant Matrix Academy Trust policies and procedures

1. Introduction

1.1 Since 2011, when the Government published the revised Prevent Strategy, there has been an awareness of the need to safeguard children, young people and families from violent extremism. There have been several occasions both locally and nationally in which extremist groups have attempted to radicalise vulnerable children and young people to hold extreme views including views justifying political, religious, sexist or racist violence, or to steer them into a rigid and narrow ideology that is intolerant of diversity and leaves them vulnerable to future radicalisation.

1.2 Matrix Academy Trust values freedom of speech and the expression of beliefs as fundamental rights underpinning our society's values. Both pupils and teachers have the right to speak freely and voice their opinions. However, freedom comes with responsibility and free speech that is designed to manipulate the vulnerable or that leads to violence and harm of others goes against the moral principles in which freedom of speech is valued. Free speech is not an unqualified privilege; it is subject to laws and policies governing equality, human rights, community safety and community cohesion.

1.3 Matrix Academy Trust is committed to providing a secure environment for pupils, where children and young people feel safe and are kept safe. All professionals at the school recognise that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility irrespective of their role they undertake or whether their role has direct contact or responsibility for children or not.

1.4 This Preventing Extremism and Radicalisation guidance is one element within our overall school arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in line with our statutory duties set out at S157/S175 of the Education Act 2002.

1.5 Each school's Preventing Extremism and Radicalisation guidance also draws upon the guidance produced by the Birmingham Children Safeguarding Partnership (BCSP), DfE Guidance "Keeping Children Safe in Education, September 2020", HM government document "Prevent Duty: A guide for local partners in England" and the "Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015".

1.6 The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 express a duty on specified authorities, which includes all schools including academies, free schools, maintained schools and studio schools to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. The legislation will be measured through various inspection frameworks, with schools and Children Services measured through OFSTED. The government will be producing guidance to help schools deliver the required standards (issued under section 29 of the Act).

1.7 The Department for Education has set up a helpline for teachers who have questions and/or concerns about extremism. Teachers can call: 0207 340 7264 or email: counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk

2. Trust Ethos and Practice

2.1 When operating this guidance, the Trust uses the following accepted Governmental definition of extremism which is:

'Vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and acceptance of different faiths and beliefs; and/or calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas'.

2.2 There is no place for extremist views of any kind in our schools, whether from internal sources (pupils, staff or Trustees) or external sources (school community, external agencies or individuals). Our pupils see school as a

safe place where they can explore controversial issues safely and where our teachers encourage and facilitate this – we have a duty to ensure this happens.

2.3 In our Trust schools we recognise that exposure to extremist materials and influences can lead to poor outcomes for children and should be addressed as a safeguarding concern as set out in this guidance. We also recognise that if we fail to challenge extremist views we are failing to protect our pupils.

2.4 Extremists of all persuasions aim to develop destructive relationships between different communities by promoting division, fear and mistrust of others based on ignorance or prejudice and thereby limiting the life chances of young people. Education is a powerful weapon against this; equipping young people with the knowledge, skills and critical thinking, to challenge and debate in an informed way.

2.5 Therefore, each school will provide a broad and balanced curriculum, delivered by skilled professionals, so that our pupils are enriched, understand and become tolerant of difference and diversity and also to ensure that they thrive, feel valued and not marginalized.

2.6 Please see notes on associated terminology in addendum 1.

3. The Counter Terrorism and Security Act July 2015

3.1 The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 was published on 12th February 2015. Section 26 of the Act places a duty on schools in England (and Wales) to prevent people being drawn into terrorism. This duty applies to all schools, whether publicly-funded or independent, and organisations covered by the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. The duty also applies to children's homes. Statutory guidance has been published and comes into force on 1st July 2015.

3.2 Schools leaders (including Trustees) must:

- establish or use existing mechanisms for understanding the risk of extremism
- ensure staff understand the risk and build capabilities to deal with it
- communicate and promote the importance of the duty
- ensure staff implement the duty effectively

Other duties on schools include:

- effective partnership working with other local agencies, e.g. Local safeguarding arrangements, Police, health, etc.
- information sharing
- maintaining appropriate records
- assessing local risk of extremism (including Far Right extremism)
- demonstrating they are protecting children
- developing clear protocols for visiting speakers
- safeguarding policies that take account of local safeguarding arrangements policies and procedures
- training staff to give them knowledge and confidence
- ensuring there is robust ICT protocols that filter out extremist materials
- school buildings must not be used to give a platform to extremists speakers

3.3 Ofsted are responsible for monitoring how well schools are implementing this duty.

4. Recognising the indicators of vulnerability to radicalisation

4.1 There is no such thing as a “typical extremist”: those who become involved in extremist actions come from a range of backgrounds and experiences, and most individuals, even those who hold radical views, do not become involved in violent extremist activity.

4.2 Pupils may become susceptible to radicalisation through a range of social, personal and environmental factors - it is known that violent extremists exploit vulnerabilities in individuals to drive a wedge between them and their families and communities. It is vital that school staff are able to recognise those vulnerabilities.

4.3 Indicators of vulnerability include:

- Identity Crisis – the pupil is distanced from their cultural / religious heritage and experiences discomfort about their place in society;
- Personal Crisis – the pupil may be experiencing family tensions; a sense of isolation; and low self-esteem; they may have dissociated from their existing friendship group and become involved with a new and different group of friends; they may be searching for answers to questions about identity, faith and belonging;
- Personal Circumstances – migration; local community tensions; and events affecting the student / pupil's country or region of origin may contribute to a sense of grievance that is triggered by personal experience of racism or discrimination or aspects of Government policy;
- Unmet Aspirations – the pupil may have perceptions of injustice; a feeling of failure; rejection of civic life;
- Experiences of Criminality – which may include involvement with criminal groups, imprisonment, and poor resettlement /reintegration;
- Special Educational Need – pupils may experience difficulties with social interaction, empathy with others, understanding the consequences of their actions and awareness of the motivations of others.

4.4 More critical risk factors could include:

- Being in contact with extremist recruiters;
- Violent extremist websites, especially those with a social networking element;
- Possessing or accessing violent extremist literature;
- Using extremist narratives and a global ideology to explain personal disadvantage;
- Justifying the use of violence to solve societal issues;
- Joining or seeking to join extremist organisations; and
- Significant changes to appearance and / or behaviour;
- Experiencing a high level of social isolation resulting in issues of identity crisis and/or personal crisis.

4.5 Any prejudice, discrimination or extremist views, including derogatory language, displayed by pupils or staff will always be challenged and where appropriate dealt with in line with the Behaviour Policy for pupils and the Code of Conduct for Employees and Disciplinary Policy for Employees.

4.6 We will ensure that all of our staff are equipped to recognise extremism and are skilled and confident enough to challenge it. All staff will receive WRAP training (Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent) and radicalisation and extremism will be an integral part of annual staff safeguarding training.

4.7 Each school is required to identify a Prevent Single Point of Contact (SPOC) who will be the lead within the organisation for safeguarding in relation to protecting individuals from radicalisation and involvement in terrorism. **A SPOC is identified in each school. Please refer to the schools prevent plan in addendum 4 for each schools named SPOC.**

4.8 When any member of staff has concerns that a pupil may be at risk of radicalisation or involvement in terrorism, they should speak with the SPOC or Head teacher. We will help support pupils who may be vulnerable to such influences as part of our wider safeguarding responsibilities and where we believe a pupil is being directly affected by extremist materials or influences we will ensure that that pupil is offered assistance. Additionally in such instances schools will seek external support from the Local Authority and/or local partnership structures working to prevent extremism.

4.9 Each school will closely follow the locally agreed procedure as set out by their local safeguarding arrangements for safeguarding individuals vulnerable to extremism and radicalisation.

5. Teaching Approaches

5.1 We will all strive to eradicate the myths and assumptions that can lead to some young people becoming alienated and disempowered, especially where the narrow approaches children may experience elsewhere may make it harder for them to challenge or question these extremist narratives and influences. In our schools this will be achieved by good teaching, primarily via PSHE sessions; but also by adopting the methods outlined in the Government's guidance 'Teaching approaches that help build resilience to extremism among young people' DfE 2011.

5.2 Each school will promote the values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs. We will teach and encourage pupils to respect one another and to respect and tolerate difference, especially those of a different faith or no faith.

5.3 We will also work with local partners, families and communities in our efforts to challenge extremist views and to assist in the broadening of our pupils' experiences and horizons.

6. Use of External Agencies and Speakers

6.1 The Trust encourages the use of external agencies or speakers to enrich the experiences of our pupils; however we will positively vet those external agencies, individuals or speakers who we engage to provide such learning opportunities or experiences for our pupils. This includes checking the DBS of all external providers, viewing material that will be used beforehand and conducting a social media check on such agencies or individuals.

6.2 Such vetting is to ensure that we do not unwittingly use agencies that contradict each other with their messages or that are inconsistent with, or are in complete opposition to, the school's values and ethos.

6.3 Each school will assess the suitability and effectiveness of input from external agencies or individuals to ensure that:

- Any messages communicated to pupils are consistent with the ethos of the school and do not marginalise any communities, groups or individuals
- Any messages do not seek to glorify criminal activity or violent extremism or seek to radicalise pupils through extreme or narrow views of faith, religion or culture or other ideologies
- Activities are properly embedded in the curriculum and clearly mapped to schemes of work to avoid contradictory messages or duplication.
- Activities are matched to the needs of pupils
- Activities are carefully evaluated by the school to ensure that they are effective.

6.4 Therefore by delivering a broad and balanced curriculum, augmented by the use of external sources where appropriate, we will strive to ensure our pupils **recognise risk** and **build resilience** to manage any such risk themselves where appropriate to their age and ability but also to help pupils develop the critical thinking skills needed to engage in informed debate.

7. Whistleblowing

7.1 Where there are concerns of extremism or radicalisation pupils and staff will be encouraged to make use of our internal systems to whistle blow or raise any issue in confidence. Please refer to the separate Whistleblowing Policy.

8. Recruitment

8.1 The arrangements for recruiting all staff, permanent and volunteers, to each school will follow government guidance on safer recruitment best practice in education settings, including, but not limited to, ensuring that DBS checks are always made at the appropriate level, that references are always received and checked and that we complete and maintain a Single Central Record of such vetting checks.

8.2 We will apply safer recruitment best practice principles and sound employment practice in general and in doing so will deny opportunities for inappropriate recruitment or advancement. We will be alert to the possibility that persons may seek to gain positions within our school so as to unduly influence our schools character and ethos. We are aware that such persons seek to limit the opportunities for pupils thereby rendering them vulnerable to extremist views and radicalisation as a consequence.

8.3 By adhering to safer recruitment best practice techniques and by ensuring that there is an ongoing culture of vigilance within our schools and staff teams, we will minimise the opportunities for extremist views to prevail.

9. Role of Trust Board

9.1 The Trust Board will support the ethos and values of each school and will support the school in tackling extremism and radicalisation.

9.2 The Trustees will review this guidance prior to the start of a new academic year (on an annual basis) but may amend and adopt any amendments outside of this timeframe in accordance with any new legislation or guidance. A Trustee is the Trust's DSL in Governance.

9.3 The Parent Advisory Forum will consider and monitor the Prevent Plan of their school.

10. Standards for Teachers

10.1 Teachers must have proper and professional regard for the ethos, policies and practices of the school in which they teach, and maintain high standards in their own attendance and punctuality. They must have an understanding of, and always act within, the statutory frameworks that set out their professional duties and responsibilities.

10.2 NB the phrase '**fundamental British values**' refers to the definition of extremism as articulated in the Prevent Strategy, which was launched in June 2011 and updated recently. It includes the need for schools to explore with pupils and students '**democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs**'.

11. Supporting children who are travelling/have travelled abroad to specific locations

11.1 If a pupil/parent/carer seeks permission to travel abroad and this falls within the academic school term then the family should be provided with the letter as set out in **addendum 2**. The Dangers of travelling for terrorism (or Forced Marriage or Female Genital Mutilation) are becoming increasingly apparent and concerning. While this guidance refers to children and young people returning; there is an absolute desire to stop them travelling wherever possible. **School staff must also be alert and refer cases of potential concern if they become aware that a pupil is intending to travel during school holidays.**

11.2 If you have concerns either post travel or pre travel and/or identify any concerns in relation to extremism as identified above please refer to the flow diagram in **addendum 3, which** relies on your professional judgment with full support and guidance from your **SPOC**. If any of the indicators of concern are noted upon return/extremism risk identified then consideration needs to be given to making a referral to the schools Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub, this might then escalate the case to Channel where a case de-confliction is carried out that determines threshold for Channel. The Channel panel will suggest appropriate intervention if required. This will be from a safeguarding perspective around a number of issues that will encompass extremism vulnerabilities. If any responses/discussions give further indicators for concern around extremism then the Local Security and Partnership Officer will be contacted.

12. Links and Supporting Documents

HO Foreign Travel Advice-

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

Prevent Tragedies

www.preventtragedies.co.uk

How social media is used to encourage travel to Syria and Iraq

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/440450/How_social_media_is_used_to_encourage_travel_to_Syria_and_Iraq.pdf

Promoting British Values through SMSC

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/380595/SMSC_Guidance_Maintained_Schools.pdf

Tackling extremism in the UK - Task Force report (see pages 5 – 7)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tackling-extremism-in-the-uk-report-by-the-extremism-taskforce>

Channel Guidance

<http://www.acpo.police.uk/documents/TAM/2012/201210TAMChannelGuidance.pdf>

Prevent Duty (new guidance and consultations doc)

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/388934/45584_Prevent_duty_guidance-e-a_consultation_Web_Accessible.pdf

Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2020

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/912592/Keeping_children_safe_in_education_Sep_2020.pdf

Addendum 1 – Associated terminology

Al-Qaeda	An international organization of loosely affiliated groups/cells that carry out attacks and bombings in the attempt to disrupt the economies and influence of Western nations and advance Islamic extremism
British	People who are the inhabitants of Britain (e.g. citizens of England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man or one of the Channel Islands, collectively known as the United Kingdom) or an inhabitant of a British overseas territory
Channel	A key element of the Prevent Strategy; Channel is about safeguarding children and adults from being drawn into committing terrorist-related activity. It is about early intervention to protect and divert people away from the risk they face before illegality occurs
English Defence League (EDL)	The English Defence League is a far right, street protest movement, which opposes what it considers to be a 'spread of Islamism', and Islamic extremism in the United Kingdom
Ethnicity	This is linked to distinctive shared social, linguistics, physical (e.g. skin colour) cultural and geographical heritage and norms. Religious belonging may be part of these norms. Every person has an ethnicity. To belong to an ethnic group, an individual must see themselves as a member and be seen as others as being a member of the group
Extremism	One who advocates or resorts to ideologies and measures beyond the norm, in politics and religion often using violence and terror tactics to make their views known, or to gain power
Ideology	A set of ideas and beliefs of a group, religious or political party
Identity	An umbrella term used to describe an individual's understanding of him or herself; identity is influenced by many factors, gender, ethnicity, religion, nationality, culture, family etc.
Media	The means of communication that reaches large numbers of people e.g. the television, newspapers, and the internet
Propaganda	Ideas or statements that are often false or exaggerated and that are spread in order to help a cause
Islamophobia	A hatred or fear of Muslims, their religion and sometimes-related politics or culture
Islamist	A western term used to describe an extreme Muslim usually politicised
Jihad	Personal struggle in everyday life; striving to achieve a goal; also used to mean taking up arms if necessary
Nationalism	A feeling that people have of being loyal to and proud of their country often with the belief that it is better and more important than other countries
Nationality	The status of belonging to a particular nation by origin, birth, or naturalization
Racism	This term refers to the deeply rooted but groundless belief that certain groups are inherently inferior to others. Racism is expressed through attitudes, behaviours and institutional policies and procedures. It disadvantages certain groups in terms of housing, job opportunities and education. Some White people experience racism (for example people from Irish, Jewish or Traveller backgrounds)
Radical	A word that describes a person who favours extreme or fundamental change in existing institutions or in political, social, or economic conditions
Resilience	The ability to recover quickly from change, or misfortune
Right wing	A conservative or reactionary element in a political party or other organisation, often associated with fascism, nationalism and racism
Social media	Forms of electronic communication (web sites, social networking and blogging) through which users create online communities to share information, ideas, personal messages, and other content e.g. videos
Stereotypes	This involves making generalised assumptions about a person or group; applying these assumptions; expecting people to conform to them
Terrorism	The unlawful use or threatened use of force or violence by a person or an organised group against people or property with the intention of intimidating individuals, coercing societies or governments, often for ideological or political reasons.
Terrorist	One that engages in acts or an act of terrorism
Xenophobia	An unreasonable fear or hatred of foreigners or strangers, or of that, which is different, foreign or strange.
XFR	Extreme far right

Addendum 2 - Supporting children who are travelling/have travelled abroad to specific locations

Dear Parent/Carer

Travel Abroad

(Name of Pupil) has advised us that he/she will be travelling to destination on Date to Date.

Travel abroad can be a fantastic learning experience and we encourage pupils to broaden their life experiences to give them a deeper understanding of how other people live around the world. Any trip during term time is discouraged so that it does not negatively impact children's education, but we do consider any requests on a case by case basis.

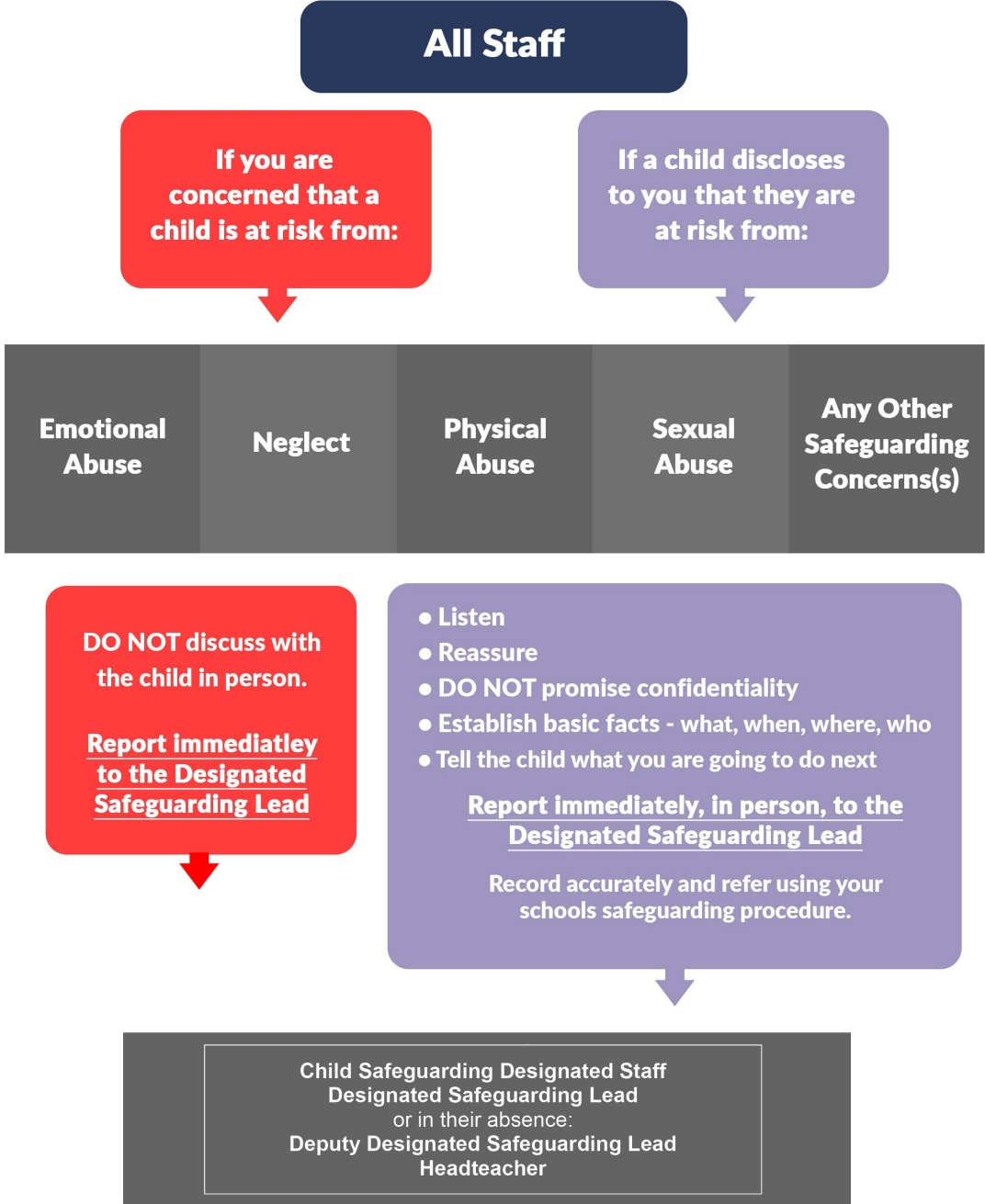
We are aware that in some countries travel for British Nationals can mean increased risk of terrorist attack. Please see the link below of the latest advice and risks associated to a number of destinations. <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

There have been numerous incidents of young UK nationals travelling abroad which breached current UK legislation, and also legislation of the country of destination if arriving illegally through unsupervised border crossings.

In a handful of cases parents were unaware of their child's plans to travel so this is one of the reasons that we have contacted you to confirm you are fully aware and are happy with the proposed travel arrangements.

Your child's safety is paramount to the school and travel abroad is covered within safeguarding protocols and current legal duties placed upon educational institutions. Please do not hesitate to contact (insert name) on any issues relating to the content of

this letter Yours sincerely



Members of staff with Advanced Level Child Safeguarding and Multi Agency Working training are identified for each school within the schools individual appendix.

Prevent Plan

Date Plan Implemented – October 2016

Date Plan Reviewed – Yearly

Current Date: November 2021

“There is no place for extremist views of any kind in our school, whether from internal sources (pupils, staff or governors) or external sources (school community, external agencies or individuals). Our pupils see our school as a safe place where they can explore controversial issues safely and where our teachers encourage and facilitate this and all staff recognise their responsibility to challenge and tackle all forms of radicalisation.”

Risk Assessment

Barr Beacon School has adopted the Preventing Extremism and Radicalisation Guidance prepared by Walsall Council and has used this as the basis for its initial risk assessment, ‘Prevent audit for primary and secondary schools’ and structure of its plan’. This working document outlines how we are continually updating and refining our practice to keep everyone in our school safe in line with national strategies.

Background

The national assessment for the risk of terrorism is ‘**SEVERE**’. This means that a terrorist attack is highly likely. The local risk assessment is based largely on the recently published (November 2019) Counter Terrorism Local Profile CTLP which suggests Walsall is a ‘tier two’ local authority, therefore carrying an increased risk of both radicalisation and terrorist related crime.

Recent arrests linked with radicalisation or terrorist activity within Walsall and surrounding area.

- A right-wing group known as the English Defence League (EDL) are present within the Walsall area and have held several anti-Islamic demonstrations.
- In 2014 it was announced that Birmingham City Council and the Government were investigating a number of ‘Trojan Horse’ schools. The resulting reports identified issues all schools should be aware of.
- In November 2021, the UK terror threat level has been raised to “severe” after an explosion outside Liverpool Women’s Hospital.
- National / Global: Paris, Nice, Barcelona, London, Manchester, New Zealand attacks.
- Birmingham knife attack in October 2020.

Barr Beacon School –School Roles and Responsibilities

Leadership Team

Dame Maureen Brennan	-Chief Executive Officer	Mrs L McLaurie	-Assistant Headteacher
Mrs L Draycott	-Headteacher	Ms F Callanan	-Assistant Headteacher
Mr J Phillips	-Deputy Headteacher	Mr S Foster	-Assistant Headteacher
Mrs K Hibbs	-Deputy Headteacher	Mrs C Eardley	-Assistant Headteacher
Miss L Lloyd	-Deputy Headteacher	Mrs S Saunders	-Assistant Headteacher
Mr P Kilvert	-Deputy Headteacher	Mrs R Hill	-Assistant Headteacher
Mr D Lowbridge-Ellis	-Deputy Headteacher		

Designated Safeguarding Staff

Mrs L Draycott	-Headteacher
Mrs S Saunders	-Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs C Eardley	-Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs E Steel

-Safeguarding Manager

Trustees

Mr J Bench

- Chair of Trustees

Single Point of Contact (SPOC)

Mrs S Saunders

-Designated Safeguarding Lead

Prevent Plan

Barr Beacon School has adopted the four broad principles of Walsall Councils 'Preventing Extremism and Radicalisation Guidance' as the following objectives:

1. **Leadership – Clear leadership and accountable structures are in place and visible throughout the organisation.**
2. **Training – The Staff and governing body have been appropriately trained according to their role.**
3. **Referrals – An appropriate reporting and referral process is in place and referrals are being managed effectively.**
4. **Curriculum – A broad and balanced curriculum that helps protect students against extremism and promotes community cohesion.**

Barr Beacon School

Completion Date: October 2016

Current Date: November 2021

Guidance reviewed yearly

Key

When assessing the school's level of compliance use the following codes -

Red (R): no evidence

Amber (A): partial evidence

Green (G): secure evidence

PREVENT OBJECTIVE 1: Clear leadership and accountable structures are in place and visible throughout the organisation		
Evidence	Colour code	Evidence & Actions
There is an identified strategic Prevent Lead within the school.		Mrs S Saunders is Prevent Lead and SPOC (Single Point of Contact) within the school. All teaching staff received Prevent Training on 3 rd June 2019. This was delivered by Dave Chadwick, Walsall Prevent Officer. Next whole school staff CPD is booked and confirmed on 8 th February 2022 which is being delivered by Niall Markham – Prevent Co-ordinator.
The strategic Prevent Lead understands the expectations and key priorities of PREVENT and these are embedded and explicit within safeguarding policies.		In line with 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (September 2021) the school's Safeguarding Policy has been updated with explicit Prevent information and expectations.

		<p>The school has a clear emergency evacuation plan in place in case of a bomb threat, explosion or chemical hazard. This is in addition to our Crisis Management Policy. The school has a clear emergency procedure plan in the event of an intruder on site.</p>
<p>The Senior Leadership Team have a clear understanding and commitment to the Prevent Strategy and its key objectives.</p>		<p>DSL organised PREVENT training for all teaching staff, key support staff such as; LSAs, House PAs on 3rd June 2019. This was delivered by Dave Chadwick, Walsall Prevent Officer.</p> <p>All staff are trained at Level 1 and receive training on prevent within this training. In addition updates are given via the staff safeguarding bulletin.</p> <p>We develop every pupil as a 'Barr Beacon pupil' by embedding our key Beacon Values with pupils. These values are in line with the British Values but are worded by our pupils for our pupils via our Beacon Values. The values allow pupils to be unafraid to <u>B</u>e themselves, be <u>E</u>qual to everyone, <u>A</u>ct responsibly, have <u>C</u>onsideration for others and the environment, <u>O</u>wn what they do and <u>N</u>ever discriminate.</p>
<p>The PREVENT agenda and its objectives are embedded within the appropriate safeguarding processes established and used in school.</p>		<p>All staff are aware via PREVENT and Safeguarding Level 1 training of the issues. Staff are aware of how Prevent is to be considered as another safeguarding issue and how to identify any concerns or vulnerabilities of a child or their family and who to report these concerns to following our safeguarding procedures of reporting a concern.</p> <p>Barr Beacon School follows protocol from the Local Authority, making a referral to the Multi-Agency Screening Hub (MASH), using the Multi-Agency Referral form (MARF) and all designated safeguarding staff are aware of how they access the form.</p> <p>All staff, including new staff, have received awareness of the school Prevent procedure during Level 1 Safeguarding Training.</p> <p>Teaching staff and Leadership will receive full WRAP training via staff CPD on 8th February 2022.</p> <p>All staff received Prevent Training on 3rd June 2019. This was delivered by Dave Chadwick, Walsall Prevent Officer. Whole School Staff CPD Training has been arranged on Prevent for 8/2/22 with Niall Markham – Prevent Co-ordinator.</p> <p>In addition, staff CPD has included 'Tackling and Challenging Islamophobia' on 4th January 2022 and is embedded within the PSHE schemes of work throughout the spring and summer term for different year groups. Pupil workshops are also part of the ongoing work in January to support awareness and understanding of this topic for Year 8,9,10 and 11. Raising pupil awareness of the Beacon Values where pupils can Be themselves, be equal to everyone, act responsibly, have consideration for others</p>

		<p>and the environment, own what they do and never discriminate are in line with our British values and are embedded within the school.</p> <p>Staff also had the option of choosing workshops to support their own CPD in this topic area at the CPD on Tuesday, 7th December 2021 called Teaching Sensitive Topics. Staff have been given the opportunity to attend a VCPD in teaching sensitive topics in addition to the above training given.</p>
There is an effective framework for managing guest speaker requests.		Robust procedures are in place for guest speakers. There is a proforma in place for checks before guest speakers are allowed onto school premises. Material is viewed before arrival and background and DBS checks are made. Guests are accompanied by staff <u>at all times</u> . The procedures for this were shared with staff again in November 2021.
Staff and the Trustee Board have been appropriately trained according to their role		
Evidence	Colour code	Evidence and Actions
All staff and Trustees know who the Prevent Lead is in school.		All members of staff and Trustees are aware that Mrs S Saunders is Barr Beacon School's SPOC (Single Point of Contact and Designated Safeguarding Lead) following their Level 1 Safeguarding Training. The Walsall Prevent Education Co-ordinator is Neil Markham.
They understand the risk of radicalisation and extremism and know how to recognise and refer children who may be at risk.		All Trustees have received Level 1 Safeguarding training which includes raising awareness on 'PREVENT'.
There are appropriate policies, staff guidance and literature readily available to all staff on PREVENT		Safeguarding posters, outlining the procedures of reporting, are widely displayed around school for staff, pupils, visitors and parents/carers. These can also be found on the school website and staff area, alongside the Child Safeguarding Policy. All staff are issued with 'KCSIE- Keeping Children Safe in Education' Part 1. All visitors are issued with a visitor's booklet at reception upon arrival to school and are asked to read and sign for this.
Staff are confident and able to provide appropriate challenge to students, parents or Governors if opinions are expressed that are contrary to fundamental British values and the promotion of community cohesion; they know who to go to and how to report concerns.		<p>Staff are aware that they have a duty of care for the children in our school and are responsible for acting on any concerning language or behaviours with regards to radicalisation or terrorism.</p> <p>Staff are fully aware and are reminded through a variety of communication methods including staff briefings and staff CPD sessions about the referral process, on the steps they must take in order to effectively safeguard our children.</p>
Regular, continuous CPD updating training on PREVENT is available to the Strategic Prevent Lead and safeguarding leads where appropriate.		All staff receive awareness of the school Prevent procedure during Level 1 Safeguarding Training.

		In addition, staff CPD has included teaching sensitive topics in December 2021 and 'Tackling and Challenging: Islamophobia' on 4 th January 2022 as well as additional WRAP training on 8 th February 2022.
An appropriate reporting and referral process is in place and referrals are being managed effectively		
Evidence	Colour code	Action, when and responsibility
An appropriate internal PREVENT referral process has been developed.		Staff with any concerns regarding radicalisation, terrorist activity or the vulnerability of a child, are aware of the safeguarding referral process to a member of the Safeguarding Team and SPOC (DSL).
Partner agency communication channels have been established – Local Authority Prevent Lead and the Police, are first port of call when outside agencies need to be consulted or for making a Channel referral.		School can refer any concerns to the Multi-Agency Screening Hub (MASH) or liaise with Prevent Coordinator for advice and guidance as well as the Prevent Team at West Midlands Police.
Evidence of notification reports and/or referrals exists in school.		All concerns and referrals are fully documented, dated and referenced. Each referral can be found with case notes as evidence.
Prevent notifications or referrals are managed or overseen by designated staff e.g. the Prevent Lead.		All staff concerns are discussed initially with the Designated Safeguarding (Prevent) Lead (SPOC/DSL), Mrs S Saunders.
A process is in place to identify, and develop 'lessons learnt'; a reflective process that will inform future action.		The Designated Safeguarding Lead (Prevent Lead / SPOC/DSL) discusses all referrals with the Headteacher. Information is shared when appropriate with Senior Leadership Team. Following this, reflections and considerations are made for future incidents.
A broad and balanced curriculum that helps protect students against extremism and promotes community cohesion		
Evidence	Colour code	Action, when and responsibility
The school delivers a creative curriculum that helps develop critical thinking skills around the power of influence, particularly the persuasion of on-line sources and social media.		<p>School allows pupils in all years to explore different elements of the curriculum which are creative and age appropriate (see PSHE/RSE/SMSC curriculum map).</p> <p>Pupils have also been made aware of e-safety and the dangers that exist on the internet and ways in which they can stay safe.</p> <p>Specific PSHE/ 'Beacon Values' assemblies are delivered to all pupils and is embedded within the ethos of the school. Equality and diversity is highly valued as a part of daily school life, 'Beacon Values' pupil representatives and receives a special focus every February.</p> <p>Each year there is an opportunity for parents to attend an e-safety presentation at Year 7 'Settling in Evening'. There are regular e-safety updates sent to parents.</p>

Themes and curriculum content provides opportunities to explore and reinforce the benefits of community cohesion and the damaging effects of all extremism on the local, national and global community.		<p>Debating in lessons and PSHE is encouraged in a respectful manner. Community cohesion is greatly valued within school and is passed onto our pupils. Pupils are taught to understand that we are all different and have our opinions and that it does not make us any less of a person. Pupils, within the curriculum, are expected to research and be aware of different aspects of the local, national and global media, such as war for example.</p> <p>Prevent Workshops have been arranged for Years 8,9,10 and 11 to be delivered in an assembly setting for 1 hour on 24th and 25th January 2021. Then subsequently each Year 8 group will receive the workshop yearly going forward.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <th>PREVENT Lesson title/topic</th><th></th><th></th></tr> <tr> <td>Year 7</td><td>PREVENT: What is terrorism?</td><td>Spring Term 2022</td></tr> <tr> <td>Year 8</td><td>PREVENT: Extremism</td><td>Summer Term 2022</td></tr> <tr> <td>Year 9</td><td>PREVENT: Radicalisation</td><td>Spring Term 2022</td></tr> <tr> <td>Year 10</td><td>PREVENT: Terrorism, Extremism and Radicalisation</td><td>Spring Term 2022</td></tr> <tr> <td>Year 11</td><td>PREVENT: Terrorism, Extremism and Radicalisation</td><td>Spring Term 2022</td></tr> </table>	PREVENT Lesson title/topic			Year 7	PREVENT: What is terrorism?	Spring Term 2022	Year 8	PREVENT: Extremism	Summer Term 2022	Year 9	PREVENT: Radicalisation	Spring Term 2022	Year 10	PREVENT: Terrorism, Extremism and Radicalisation	Spring Term 2022	Year 11	PREVENT: Terrorism, Extremism and Radicalisation	Spring Term 2022
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A range of activities are planned and delivered in both lessons and the community that explore the choices available to young people in the 21st century and the consequences of these.		E-safety working groups of KS3/4 and 5 pupils known as the Digital Leaders have an action plan of delivery which includes: Delivery of House assemblies under the guidance of senior staff and raise awareness of online safety issues. They ensure that other pupils know how to remain safe and inform parents of the latest advice and support of esafety concerns that are impacting on our school community. Barr Beacon has a robust E-Safety Policy and online monitoring system 'Senso																		
Resources, displays and literature provide balanced information, advice and alternative views for pupils and students.		School facilitates appropriate discussion, where curriculum appropriate, around these areas to encourage interest and educate pupils into different cultures.																		
Pupils demonstrate in their work and relationships with others an ability to recognise diversity and the problems and possibilities inherent within this.		Barr Beacon School is a multi-cultural, cohesive community. There are pupils and staff from a wide range of ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds.																		
The school provides opportunities to explore fundamental British values, equality, difference, faiths and beliefs, through the curriculum, collective worship and interaction with the wider community.		All of these aspects are addressed and revisited via specifically highlighted PSHE sessions and shared via displays, assemblies and the taught curriculum. Staff attend CPD sessions on how to deliver 'sensitive' topics. Also see the school's assembly rota. Staff are also fully versed and aware of the Beacon Values as are the pupils, which represent in our own words, the British Values.																		
Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education is understood as a central strand in PREVENT (promoting		All curriculum areas have been mapped in terms of their coverage of PSHE/SMSC and staff attend CPD sessions on equality and diversity.																		

equality, exploring difference and British values) by all staff and is addressed as suggested in the 2014 SMSC guidance (see links and supporting guidance).		

Points to note:

- Barr Beacon School has a whistleblowing policy which minimises the risk of potential radicalisation of staff
- Barr Beacon School has robust safeguarding procedures in place as part of its safer recruitment process.
- All new staff receive 'Prevent' training which is embedded in their Level 1 Safeguarding and Basic Awareness training.
- All visitors are checked at reception and ID / DBS certificates are checked for any visitors on school site. Visitors sign in and wear a visitors lanyard / badge.
- All visitors are accompanied by a member of staff on the school site.
- Active Lockdown Policy and Emergency Procedures in place.
- Please also refer to the Safeguarding/E-Safety/Equality and Diversity /Anti-Bullying/Relationships and Sex Education and the behaviour policy.