



# Broadwindsor CE VC Primary School

## Prevent guidance

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### Background

This 'Preventing Radicalisation Policy' is part of Broadwindsor Primary School's commitment to keeping children safe. Schools have an important part to play in both educating children and young people about extremism and recognising when pupils start to become radicalised. In March 2015, new statutory duties were placed on schools by the Counter Terrorism and Security Act (2015) which means they must work to prevent children being drawn into extremism.

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This policy should be read in conjunction with the schools Safeguarding (Child Protection) policy. Safeguarding children is an important part of a school's work and protecting them from extremism is one aspect of that.

### Definition

For the purposes of this policy the definition of radical or extreme ideology is:

*"A set of ideas that could justify vilification or violence against individuals, groups or self".*

### Ethos

At Broadwindsor Primary School we ensure that through our school vision, values, rules, curriculum and teaching we promote tolerance and respect for all cultures, faiths and lifestyles. The governing body also ensures that this ethos is reflected and implemented effectively in school policy and practice and that there are effective risk assessments in place to safeguard and promote students' welfare.

We have a duty to prepare our children for life in modern Britain and to keep them safe.

Pupils who attend our school have the right to learn in safety. We do not tolerate bullying of any kind and will challenge derogatory language and behaviour towards others.

## **Statutory Duties**

The duty to prevent children and young people being radicalised is set out in the following documents.

- Counter Terrorism and Security Act (2015)
- Keeping Children Safe in Education (2024)
- Prevent Duty Guidance (2015)
- Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018)

## **Non-statutory Guidance**

- Departmental advice for maintained schools (DfE 2014)
- Improving the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils: supplementary information (DfE 2014)
- Promoting fundamental British values

## **Related Policies**

Broadwindsor Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy (September 2024 – reviewed and revised annually)

Broadwindsor online safety policy (June 2024)

## **Definitions**

**Extremism** is defined in the 2011 Prevent strategy as vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. We also include in our definition of extremism calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas.

**Radicalisation** refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies associated with terrorist groups.

**British Values** are democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

### **Role of the Governing Body**

It is the role of the governing body to ensure that the school meets its statutory duties with regard to preventing radicalisation.

The governing body has a nominated person who will liaise with the headteacher and other staff about issues to do with protecting children from radicalisation.

### **Role of the Headteacher**

It is the role of the headteacher to:

- ensure that the school and its staff respond to preventing radicalisation on a day-to-day basis,
- ensure that the school's curriculum addresses the issues involved in radicalisation
- ensure that staff conduct is consistent with preventing radicalisation

### **Role of Designated Safeguarding Lead/ Prevent Leads**

It is the role of the designated safeguarding lead to:

- ensure that staff understand the issues of radicalisation, are able to recognise the signs of vulnerability or radicalisation and know how to refer their concerns
- receive safeguarding concerns about children and young people who may be vulnerable to the risk of radicalisation or are showing signs of radicalisation
- make referrals to appropriate agencies with regard to concerns about radicalisation
- liaise with partners, including the local authority and the police
- report to the governing body on these matters
- Carry out risk assessments to assess the role of pupils being drawn into terrorism including support for extremist ideas which are part of terrorist ideology. The DSL will also use regular risk assessments to demonstrate understanding of the risks and how to identify pupils who may be at risk of radicalisation.
- Coordinate staff understanding in PREVENT, provide guidance and ensure staff receive regularly updates as set out in this policy

**(In our school the Prevent Leads are the Designated Safeguarding Leads or deputies).**

## **Curriculum**

We are committed to ensuring that our pupils are offered a broad and balanced curriculum that aims to prepare them for life in modern Britain. We encourage our pupils to be inquisitive learners who are open to new experiences and are tolerant of others.

At Broadwindsor CE VC Primary School we promote 'British Values' through our spiritual, moral, social and cultural education, which is embedded throughout our whole school ethos as well as through our PSHE curriculum; this supports the development of the 'whole child'. We recognise that such development is most successful when all the staff that provide a model of behaviour for our pupils promote those values and attitudes. Furthermore, we ensure that pupils experience a range of opportunities that demonstrate British traditions.

As a Church of England school, we also reinforce British Values everyday through our Collective Worship and our Christian values.

These values support the development of the whole child as a reflective learner within a calm, caring, happy and purposeful atmosphere. Teaching the schools core values alongside the fundamental British Values supports quality teaching and learning, whilst making a positive contribution to the development of a fair, just and civil society.

Furthermore through our Collective Worship and RE curriculum we enable our pupils to explore and learn about other faiths and beliefs held by others in the UK and the wider world. We recognise the diversity within our society and ensure that British Values are embedded within our curriculum and our resources we use. The teaching of British Values is integrated through the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) learning that takes place across all curriculum areas.

Further detail around this can be found in our British Values Statement published each year which promotes British values and supports pupils not becoming radicalised.

## **Internet Safety**

The internet provides children and young people with access to a wide-range of content, some of which is harmful. Extremists use the internet, including social media, to share their messages. The filtering systems used in our school blocks inappropriate content, including extremist content. The school uses SWGfL filtering systems.

Searches and web addresses are monitored and the ICT technician/teacher (Mr Harris) and Headteacher will receive alerts from SWGfL in order that concerns can be addressed and prevent further access when new sites that are unblocked are found. Filtering checks are carried out at least termly and are verified at termly Safeguarding Governor visits.

Where staff, students or visitors find unblocked extremist content they must report it to the Headteacher or Designated Safeguarding Lead (Beth Steward or Emma Costin).

We are aware that children and young people have access to unfiltered internet when using their mobile phones and staff are alert to the need for vigilance when pupils are using their phones. At Broadwindsor, pupils are **not allowed** to bring their phones to school.

The Acceptable Use of ICT Policy (AUP) refers to preventing radicalisation and related extremist content. Pupils and staff are asked to sign the AUP annually to confirm they have understood what is acceptable.

Pupils and staff know how to report internet content that is inappropriate or of concern.

## **Staff Training**

Staff will be given training to help them understand the issues of radicalisation, and extremism they will be able to recognise the signs of vulnerability and know how to refer their concerns. This information also forms part of induction safeguarding training.

Staff are required to attend update WRAP training every 3 years. This is provided by the school as part of the school's commitment to safeguarding children in our school.

Online training will be provided for staff who join the organisation between the 3 year training session or wasn't able to attend WRAP training.

<https://www.support-people-vulnerable-to-radicalisation.service.gov.uk/portal#awareness-course> (linked checked September 2024)

## Safer Recruitment

We ensure that the staff we appoint to the school are suitable, our recruitment procedures are rigorous, and we follow the statutory guidance published in *Keeping Children Safe in Education (2024)*.

Vetting and barring checks are undertaken on relevant people, including governors and volunteers.

## Visitors

Visitors to the school are made aware of our safeguarding and child protection policies on arrival at the school and are given information about what to do if they are concerned about any aspect of child welfare.

Visitors who are invited to speak to pupils will be informed about our preventing extremism policy and relevant vetting checks are undertaken. We undertake due diligence to ensure that visiting speakers are appropriate. Speakers will be supervised at all times and will not be allowed to speak to children with a member of staff being present.

Staff must not invite speakers into school without first obtaining permission from the headteacher.

## Hire and Lettings

The school is vigilant to the possibility that out-of-hours hire of the school premises may be requested by people wishing to run an extremist event. The school does not accept bookings from individuals or organisations that are extremist in their views. Currently the school **does not hire out the school building** to any outside organisation.

## Recognising Extremism

Early indicators of radicalisation or extremism may include:

- showing sympathy for extremist causes
- glorifying violence, especially to other faiths or cultures
- making remarks or comments about being at extremist events or rallies outside school
- evidence of possessing illegal or extremist literature
- advocating messages similar to illegal organisations or other extremist groups
- out of character changes in dress, behaviour and peer relationships (but there are also very powerful narratives, programmes and networks that young people can come across online so involvement with particular groups may not be apparent.)

- secretive behaviour
- online searches or sharing extremist messages or social profiles
- intolerance of difference, including faith, culture, gender, race or sexuality
- graffiti, art work or writing that displays extremist themes
- attempts to impose extremist views or practices on others
- verbalising anti-Western or anti-British views
- advocating violence towards others

**Referral Process**

Staff and visitors to the school must refer all concerns about children and young people who show signs of vulnerability or radicalisation must be passed to the Designated Safeguarding Lead using the usual methods for reporting other safeguarding concerns.

When there are significant concerns about a pupil, the Designated Safeguarding Lead in liaison with the Deputy DSLs will make a referral to the appropriate body.

**Monitoring and Review**

This policy will be monitored by the governing body annually by receiving a report from the Designated Safeguarding Lead as part of the Annual Safeguarding Report to Governors.

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Signed (Headteacher) .....

Ratified by (Chair of Governors) Signed.....

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Review date: September 2025 in conjunction with Safeguarding (Child Protection) Policy.