



**Safeguarding Policy "Prevent" and Protecting
Pupils from Violent Extremism and Radicalisation
2025**

Great Harwood St John's CE Primary

'Where everyone shines with God's love'

based on "Let your light shine" Mathew 5:16

Prevent Policy

We at **St John's CE Primary School** are committed to meeting the needs of our pupils and ensuring that they make progress. In line with our Mission Statement, we aim to:

Build a better place, where:

Everyone is welcome;

No one is ever lonely;

We respect and trust each other;

There is always someone to ask for help;

People help us to be the best we can.

Great Harwood St John's CE Primary School statement of intent

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As a Church of England school, our curriculum has Christian values at its heart. It is our intent at Great Harwood St John's that ALL learners leave our school with a lifelong love of learning and they know that they are loved and treasured as individuals. To enable them to do this our curriculum has been carefully designed around our children, celebrating differences and developing the uniqueness of each child. We recognise children's starting points and quickly set about developing their phonics, early reading and maths skills through first hand experiences. Throughout their journey with us at St John's, we shower the children with enrichment opportunities to broaden their horizons and enhance their curiosity about their local community and the world around them. Staff work collaboratively, utilising each other's expertise to ensure a clear, coherent, well-balanced curriculum made bespoke to us. Ultimately, the day to day decisions of the school are to ensure that the whole child's needs are met whether this is academic or social and emotional.

Policy statement

Our school recognises that it has duties of care towards its pupils and staff and that safeguarding against extreme radicalisation that may leave them vulnerable to violent extremism is one of those duties.

This policy aims to:

Make it clear that:

- There is no place for extremists in the school including expression of extremist views, vocal or active, which are opposed to fundamental British values.
- Protect all pupils from harm and to ensure that they are taught in a way that is consistent with the law and the British values of tolerance, democracy and liberty.
- Address awareness of our Prevent duty

What is Prevent?

The Government's National Prevent strategy aim is to stop people from becoming radicalised, terrorists, or supporters of terrorism.

This is supported by three specific objectives:

1. Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it.
2. Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure they are given appropriate advice and support (individuals).
3. Work with a wide range of sectors and institutions (including education, faith, health and criminal) where there are risks of radicalisation.

Procedures

Our school will:

- Raise awareness of The Prevent Duty amongst staff and governors.
- Strictly monitor internet access and use to promote safeguarding and British values, and avoid extremism.
- Promote British values of tolerance, understanding, compassion, and respect.
- Monitor children's views, values and tolerance.
- Apply it to safer recruitment procedures outlined in the recruitment policy.
- Ensure that staff do not use teaching materials which may encourage intolerance.
- Ensure that children are not actively encouraged by teachers or visitors to the school to support extremist views of any form.
- Provide staff training, including newly appointed staff when undergoing induction on the practice of this policy within our school.
- Regularly monitor staff conduct and where necessary, i.e. in extreme cases where it is felt that the member of staff is a cause for concern, the school will contact the relevant authorities (central Prevent Team, local Police enforcement).

What to do if you have a concern

- As explained above, if a member of staff in a school has a concern about a particular pupil they should follow the school's normal safeguarding procedures, including discussing with the school's designated safeguarding lead, and where deemed necessary, with Children's Social Care. In Prevent priority areas, the local authority will have a Prevent lead who can also provide support.
- **The Prevent lead in school is Miss Tracey Parker, Headteacher**
- You can also contact your local police force or dial 101 (the non-emergency number) or email concern@lancashire.police.uk. They can talk to you in confidence about your concerns and help you gain access to support and advice.

- The Department for Education has dedicated a telephone helpline (020 7340 7264) to enable staff and governors to raise concerns relating to extremism directly. Concerns can also be raised by email to counter.extremism@education.gov.uk. Please note that the helpline is not intended for use in emergency situations, such as a child being at immediate risk of harm or a security incident, in which case the normal emergency procedures should be followed.

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