

## What is extremism and radicalisation?

The Prevent strategy defines extremism 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...”*** Also included in the definition of extremism is ***‘calls for the death of members of our armed forces’***.

Radicalisation is defined by the UK Government as ***“the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies associated with terrorist groups.”***

We live in a diverse world, with both differences and similarities to celebrate. Exploring religious and different social beliefs, in a peaceful and non-violent way, is part of growing up and should not be confused with something more sinister.

The best way to prevent extremism and radicalisation is by open discussion and increased understanding of each other.

***“Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding.”***

***Albert Einstein***

## What is the Prevent strategy?

Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes. The Prevent strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including the extreme right wing, religious extremists and other causes.

From July 2015 all schools have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism.



## Should I be worried?

Incidents of extremism and radicalisation make the news. As with all safeguarding issues, it is important to be vigilant, and not complacent, but also not to panic.

This guide will give you the information to make informed decisions and help safeguard your child.

## What can I do as a parent to help my child?



You know your child better than anybody else. Having open, honest conversations on a regular basis will allow your child to explore new ideas in a safe environment.

Talk to your child about their online viewing. Social media such as YouTube and Facebook can be used to groom children towards a certain point of view.

Discuss different points of view concerning topics in the news, and try to show your child that there is always more than one point of view.

Encourage your child to take an active part in their local community. This could be as part of a sports club, social group or by volunteering. Getting out, meeting and talking to people will help your child understand different points of view and become part of the community.

## What is the school doing to PREVENT extremism and radicalisation?

- All members of the school staff will shortly be receiving specific training from Mr G Walters, who is an accredited Prevent trainer.
- Children are encouraged to explore ideas of community, belonging and tolerance during PSHE lessons.
- We have had assemblies on the subject and discussions take place in several curriculum areas discussing the topic.
- Issues in world news are discussed with the children in an age appropriate and open fashion, allowing children to discuss different points of view and ideas.
- We have updated our safeguarding procedures to reflect statutory requirements in the Section 26 of the Government's Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015.
- We have direct contact with the Local Prevent Project Officer and other external professionals to receive on-going support and two way communication.

## Where can I get support?



If you have any questions or concerns about the Prevent strategy and what it means for your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

The school website has a dedicated section concerning safeguarding matters.

[www.haygroveschool.co.uk/studentwelfare](http://www.haygroveschool.co.uk/studentwelfare)

## Who should I contact if I have a concern?

**For high-risk Prevent enquiries or emergencies tel: 999**

**For low-risk or non-emergencies speak to Mr G Walters, the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead, or tel: 101 and ask for the Local Policing Team**

**The Anti-Terrorist Hotline  
Tel: 0800 789 321**

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*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."*

*Nelson Mandela*

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