



PREVENT STRATEGY

Broughton Hall Catholic High School celebrates and promotes the diversity of our pupils and communities. Through living the Gospel Values and promoting British Values, we support the Prevent Strategy and believe it is essential that all people within our community feel safe and express tolerance towards all cultures and religions.

Under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, all schools have a duty to have 'due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into Terrorism'. This is referred to as the Prevent Duty.

As part of the Prevent strategy, Broughton Hall recognises the need to address not only the immediate threat of terrorist attacks but also the longer term factors which enable extremist groups to flourish and grow. We support the UK's counter terrorism strategy CONTEST which aims to ensure that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence.

We are committed to supporting the Prevent Duty by ensuring all staff are confident in identifying children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation and know what to do when they are identified. We understand our wider safeguarding duties and our responsibility in protecting children from the risk of radicalisation. Our duty is to ensure that we protect children from all harms including extremism, radicalisation, drugs, gangs, neglect, sexual exploitation, etc.

If a pupil is identified at risk as part of the Prevent Duty, the school will follow the Liverpool Safeguarding Children's Board guidelines and school policies. We recognise the increased risk of online radicalisation and those who seek to radicalise young people through the use of social media and the internet.

We recognise that there is no single profile of a person likely to become involved in extremism, but the decision by a young person to engage with a group, cause or ideology may include any of the following (courtesy of Liverpool LSCB):

- Begin with a search for answers about identity, faith belonging.
- Be driven by a desire for adventure/excitement/cause
- Be driven by a desire to enhance self- esteem/credibility/status
- Be driven by a need for identity, social network and support.
- Be fuelled by a sense of grievance triggered by experience of racism, discrimination.
- Driven by a desire for political or moral change

As a person becomes more engaged they may:

- Over identify with a group or ideology
- Adopt Them and Us thinking
- Promote Harmful objectives
- Adopt Attitudes that justifying offending

- Dehumanisation of perceived enemy

Further advice for staff and volunteers working with young people include:

As an individual adopts more ideological viewpoint or is increasingly influenced by others, indicators may become apparent:

Emotional: Introvert to Extrovert (vice versa), heightened self- esteem / arrogance, mood swings, confusion, tiredness, obsessive behaviour, withdrawn, angry, short tempered, secretive, pre-occupied /lack of concentration.

Verbal: Fixated on subject, closed to new ideas, racist/homophobic language, change in vocabulary, scripted speeches, shouting, over-talking, opinionated, prone to outbursts, asking unusual /concerning questions.

Physical: Change in dress, tattoos, display of badges on clothing , drawing in exercise books (symbols), change in friendships, concerning mobile phone content, unwilling to take part in class activities, decrease in quality of work produced, change in attitude towards / of others, change in personal hygiene.

The above may be evidence of other concerns, but never the less will require addressing. If your concerns relate to extremism:

- **NOTICE** – Write down what you’ve noticed that has raised your concerns.
- **CHECK** - your concerns with staff –they may have noted some incidents and share your concern.
- **SHARE** – Cascade the information up to your Safeguard Lead.
- **ADVICE**- If concerns relate to extremism seek advice from Special Branch at Merseyside Police or call the Anti Terrorist Hotline on [0800 789 321](tel:0800789321)

Further advice for parents on radicalisation and extremism can be found at:

<https://www.victvs.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Victvs-Parents-Guide-to-Extremism-and-Radicalisation-PRINT-Ver2.pdf>

The Government’s Prevent strategy can be found at the following address: www.homeoffice.gov.uk

Please read our Prevent Guidance in conjunction with Safeguarding and Child protection policy.

