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SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN

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Welcome to Safeguarding Update—Issue 5.

This half term students have continued to explore British Values and the Prevent Strategy. Through assemblies and form time, students have been considering and reflecting on how to keep safe from radicalisation and extremism. Students have also looked at National E Safety Day and how to remain safe online.

All staff at the Academy have been trained on the Prevent strategy, and how to support and educate students on keeping safe. Some key information about Prevent and British Values are overleaf, to support and enhance your understanding, there is more information on the Academy website.

I hope you all have a restful, safe half term, please remember the Academy RASP system can be accessed during the holiday via the Academy website.

We have received extremely positive parental feedback, regarding our Safeguarding Bulletin, if you have any suggestions for future editions please let me know by contacting Reception.



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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 political and religious extremism.

What does this mean in practice?

Different schools will carry out the Prevent duty in different ways, depending on the age of the children and the needs of the community.

Many of the things we already do at the Academy to help students become positive, happy members of society also contribute to the Prevent strategy.

Some examples are:

- ⇒ Exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity
- ⇒ Challenging prejudices and racist comments
- ⇒ Developing critical thinking skills and a strong, positive self-identity
- ⇒ Promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, as well as British Values such as democracy
- ⇒ Protecting children from the risk of radicalisation, such as using filters on the internet or vetting visitors who come into the Academy
- ⇒ Considering Local, National and International news stories and how they relate to one of the Academy core values—Respect, through discussion.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Prevent strategy and what it means for your child, the Academy has further information on the website www.swbacademy.org.uk, or please do not hesitate to contact the Academy.

How does the Prevent strategy apply to schools?

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

This means the Academy has a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views, in the same way we protect them from drugs or gang violence.

Importantly, the Academy provides a safe place for students to discuss these issues to ensure they better understand how to protect themselves.

How does Prevent relate to British Values

The Academy promotes British Values which is one way we respond to the Prevent strategy.

We do this through Learning for Life, assemblies and daily curriculum activities .

British Values include:

- ◆ Democracy
- ◆ The rule of law
- ◆ Individual liberty and mutual respect
- ◆ Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

The Prevent strategy is not just about discussing extremism itself. It is also about teaching children values such as tolerance and mutual respect.

Key Terms

Extremism—vocal or active opposition to fundamental British Values such as democracy, the rule of law and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.

Ideology— a set of beliefs

Terrorism—an action that endangers or causes serious violence to a person/people, causes serious damage to property, or seriously interferes or disrupts an electronic system, and is intended to advance a political, religious or ideological cause.

Radicalisation—the process by which a person comes to support extremism and terrorism