



Whaddon School Prevent statement 2025-2026

“You are the light of the world, let your light shine.”

(Matthew 5:14-16)

Prevent Duty

Preventing radicalisation of all children, especially those we have identified as vulnerable to extremist radicalisation of all groups- Incel, extreme far left, extreme far right and Islamist extremism, is part of our school's robust safeguarding culture and zero tolerance approach to hate.

Building in age appropriate awareness and levels of resilience in our children, whilst they navigate the multitude of online platforms available to them, is supported by our PSHE curriculum, online safety policy and the promotion of fundamental British values, across all areas of learning. These are at the heart of protecting our children and early prevention of radicalisation.

Alongside these factors is our commitment to raising awareness in the parent community and ensuring we as a staff are aware of the bigger local and national context for the prevent duty.

We uphold this commitment by providing a safe place in which children can discuss issues and we aim to give them the knowledge and confidence to challenge extremist beliefs and ideologies, upholding our belief that there is no place for hate, in our school.

Our prevent duty is carried out under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, which legally requires settings to take steps to prevent pupils from being drawn into terrorism.

At Whaddon Church of England School, we take this duty seriously and carry out the four main actions responsibly: risk assessment, working in partnership, staff training and IT policies.

If we assess a child to be 'at risk' we will refer to the Channel Programme, which focusses on providing support, at an early stage, to those vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism.

At Whaddon Church of England School, we understand that we play a vital role in keeping children safe from harm, including the risks of extremism and radicalisation and in promoting the welfare of the children in our care.

What we do if there is a concern

If we have a concern about a pupil we will follow the schools safeguarding policy and child protection policies and procedures. These procedures are: discussing concerns with the Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Sarah Prior (Headteacher) and, if necessary, our safeguarding partners such as ESAS or the local police via 101 or the 101 website where support and advice will be gained and acted upon.

The Department for Education has a dedicated telephone helpline (020 7340 7264) to enable staff and governors to raise concerns relating specifically to extremism, in non-emergency situations. Concerns can also be raised via email: counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk

If an emergency situation should occur, such as a child being at risk of immediate risk of harm or a security incident, we will follow the recommended emergency procedures.

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