



Whaddon School Prevent statement 2023-2024

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

(Matthew 5:14-16)

Prevent Duty

Preventing radicalising in school

Building in resilience in our young people and the promotion of fundamental British values is at the heart of preventing radicalisation.

We do this 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.

Our new 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 procedures. These procedures are: discussing concerns with the Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Sarah Prior (Headteacher) and if necessary our safeguarding partners such as the local police via 101 or the 101 website where support and advice will be gained.

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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