



Prevent risk assessment for schools

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National Risks – risk of radicalisation generally

Risk 1 - national risks linked to extremist groups infiltrating community groups and young people. We are in a period of national unrest.	Risk 2- risk of entering extremism online
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Local Risks – risk of radicalisation in your area and institution

Lancashire and in particularly the area around our school is not considered high risk for radicalisation. Online will likely be the greater risk . However the prevent 'far right' concerns are evident in some local Lancashire areas and families. Currently there is some national unrest which could/ can spill into local areas and newsreports will be monitored although nothing directly impacting on our locality.	Risk 2 limited diversity in school could mean that children may have families with defined opinions and they will have no lived experience to the contrary
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Leadership and Partnership

Category	Risk
	What is the risk here?

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Leadership	The setting does not place sufficient priority to Prevent and risk assessment/action plans (or does not have one) and therefore actions to mitigate risks and meet the requirements of the Duty are not effective.

Category	Risk
Working in Partnership	The setting is not fully appraised of national and local risks, does not work with partners to safeguard children vulnerable to radicalisation, and does not have access to good practice advice, guidance or supportive peer networks.
Understanding Risk	
Staff training	Staff do not recognise signs of abuse or vulnerabilities and the risk of harm is not reported properly and promptly by staff.

Category	Risk
Information Sharing	Staff do not share information with relevant partners in a timely manner.
Reducing Permissive Environments	
	Children and young people are exposed to intolerant or hateful narratives and lack understanding of the risks posed by terrorist organisations and extremist ideologies that underpin them.

Category	Risk
Building children's resilience to radicalisation	
IT policies	Ineffective IT policies increases the likelihood of students and staff being drawn into extremist material and narratives online. Inappropriate internet use by students is not identified or followed up.
	External speakers or visitors being given a platform to radicalise children and young people or spread hateful or divisive narratives.

Category	Risk
Visitors	

	Date Implemented: 1/9/25

Risk 3: risk of parents becoming more ' politically motivated through the increase in news coverage and national unrest regarding illegal boats and asylum hotels	Risk 4
Risk 3- some evidence that rural areas are seeing a rise in far right movement and as a rural school, we need to be vigilant to this	Risk 4
Hazard	Risk management
What are the hazards?	What has your institution put in place to ensure sufficient understanding and buy-in from Leadership?

Hazard	Risk management
Leaders (including governors and trustees) within the organisation do not understand the requirements of the Prevent Statutory Duty or the risks faced by the organisation. The Duty is not managed or enabled at a sufficiently senior level.	Prevent lead by HT and safeguarding Gov. Prevent is reported to full govs in Autumn annually and a report from HT to safeguarding Gov will update on changes annually. Safeguarding display in school, updated and referred to regularly for all staff to be regularly updated and ensure the process for identification and reporting to be clear. HT and DSL's are trained every 2 years and have an update annually. Prevent protocol and risk assessment is effective. Prevent action plan contained within this risk assessment to ensure actions completed. Governors will be trained specifically at Aut full governors as well as be involved in whole school safeguarding training which involves the Prevent process.
Leaders do not have understanding and ultimate ownership of their internal safeguarding processes, nor ensuring that all staff have sufficient understanding and that staff implement the duty effectively.	Prevent lead takes responsibility for their own knowledge and that of the staff in the importance, relevance and protocol for Prevent. All safeguarding conversations and training include an element or recap of Prevent.
Leaders do not communicate and promote the importance of the duty.	BE has good leadership ownership – with completion of risk assessments, safeguarding policies including Prevent and this is shared with governors and all leadership staff then cascaded to staff. It is communicated through safeguarding training and updates and every 2 years explicitly for all and present on safeguarding notice board. Training is quality assured and evaluated for effectiveness on a regular basis as delivered through LCC safeguarding level 3 training and the Prevent team and online training they have written.
Leaders do not drive an effective safeguarding culture across the institution.	Leadership have clear understanding of reporting and referral mechanisms and this is following LCC guidance and shared with staff and govs
Leaders do not provide a safe environment in which children can learn.	BE ensures the sharing of safeguarding policies – staff sign to confirm the reading of such policies every year and are questioned through monitoring to ensure understanding - will be extended into role of safeguarding governor to monitor with staff conversations.
To ensure Prevent is included within safeguarding induction training	Promotion of a safeguarding culture through regular training, discussions, etc with senior staff visibly involved. Clear induction for new members of staff and trainee teachers and volunteers in their induction. Parents also advised through regular newsletter items and

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The perception that 'it couldn't happen here' with staff and families	Ensure regular conversations and training to show how risks are seen in communities and what to look for. To ensure staff listen and be alert to children and/or parent conversations and weave through assemblies, PHSE and RE so natural conversations and explicit education can happen in school.
The organisation does not establish effective partnerships with organisations such as the Local Authority and Police Prevent Team.	The providers has strong partnerships with: • Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership • DSL / headteacher forums • LADO • Community Safety Partnerships • Police Prevent Team • Channel panel • Child and family wellbeing services Ensure SLT and DSL receive additional support from local
Frontline staff including governors, do not understand what radicalisation means and why people may be vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism	Training is face to face and e learning mix and staff are communicated information via noticeboard, newsletter and updates in staff meeting
Frontline staff including governors, do not know what measures are available to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and do not know how to obtain support for people who may be exploited by radicalising influences. Staff do not access Prevent training or refresher training.	BE ensures all staff attend safeguarding training and are familiar with key school safeguarding and statutory policies

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Staff do not access Prevent training or refresher training.	All staff attend Prevent training with a focus on Notice, Check, Share
Governors may not be as up to date as staff and understand the risks and requirements of Prevent	To ensure all governors attend Prevent training as part of our child protection and safeguarding training annually and it is referred to as part of our strategy meeting annually as a governor strategic responsibility. Maintain records of all staff and governor training
Staff do not feel confident sharing information with partners regarding radicalisation concerns.	BE has a culture of safeguarding that supports effective arrangements to: • identify children who may need early help or who are at risk of neglect, abuse, grooming or exploitation • help children reduce their risk of harm by securing the support they need, or referring in a timely way to those who have the expertise to help
Staff are not aware of the Prevent referral process.	The provider has clear processes for raising radicalisation concerns and making a Prevent referral. Risk is that because it may not be a high risk at BE, staff may not keep up to date.
The setting does not provide a safe space in which children and young people can understand and discuss sensitive topics, including terrorism and the extremist ideas that are part of terrorist ideology, and learn how to challenge these ideas.	BE has codes of conduct for all staff (teaching and non-teaching staff). PHSE, circle time and class discussions allow for age appropriate conversations. Staff would be challenged if views are expressed in public or private eg staff room that are contrary to values of tolerance and compassion to all. The institution carries out safer recruitment checks on all staff through safer recruitment and new recruitments include a social media review.

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The setting does not teach a broad and balanced curriculum which promotes spiritual, moral, cultural mental and physical development of students and fundamental British values and community cohesion.	Curriculum is well planned and sequenced to teach BV and community cohesion through PHSE. Teaching is monitored by SLT through observations, book review and is quality assured. BE provides opportunities within the curriculum to discuss controversial issues and for students to develop critical thinking and digital literacy skills at an age appropriate way.
	BE embeds fundamental British values into the curriculum, while also ensuring specific discussions can take place in a safe environment.
Students can access terrorist and extremist material when accessing the internet at the institution.	BE has a corporate LCC internet filtering is in place.
Students may distribute extremist material using the institution IT system.	BE has a clear reporting process in place should filtering systems flag any safeguarding or Prevent- related concerns.
Unclear linkages between IT policy and the Prevent duty. No consideration of filtering as a means of restricting access to harmful content.	The designated safeguarding lead takes lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection (including online safety) along with deputy DSL who is computing and online safety lead
	BE equips children and young people with the skills to stay safe online, both in school and outside through effective online safety education through PHSE and computing curriculum. Members of National Online Safety platform which provides good CPD and parent updates and lessons. it is clearly and explicitly mapped
Leaders do not provide a safe space for children to learn.	Be has a visitor policy and links to safeguarding policy outlines a process is in place to manage site visitors, including sub-contractors.

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Settings do not have clear protocols for ensuring that any visiting speakers are suitable and appropriately supervised.	BE carries out due diligence checks on visitors, speakers, the organisations they represent and the materials they promote or share. Any visitors linked to world faiths are sourced from Blackburn Diocese and no visitors would be invited in for a political or extreme right talks.
The setting does not conduct any due diligence checks on visitors or the materials they may use.	The private/commercial use of the institution's spaces is effectively managed & due diligence checks are carried out on those using/booking and organisations that they represent. Our Lettings agreement and policy include information that we would not accept anyone who has radical views. BE always seeks advice and support from partners where necessary to make an assessment of suitability.

Date for review: 1/9/27

Rag	Further action needed	Lead officer	Date for completion
	<i>What does your institution need to further action to address the identified risk(s)?</i>		

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	<i>continue CPD plan and ensure continue to see as important part of safeguarding training for all staff and governors</i>	AM	Sept policy and May CPD
	<i>Continue with annual updates and CPD for leaders and staff</i>	AM	completed
	<i>ensure governors get the strategic overview through specific governor safeguarding training</i>	AM/PA	completed sept 19 2025
	<i>staff trained face to face every 2 years and online inbetween. DSL to be trained in referral aswell as Prevent knowledge</i>	AM	annually
	<i>extend into safeguarding governor monitoring remit</i>	AM	aut 25
	<i>continue to use planned induction and adapt as new advice provided</i>	n/a	n/a

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	Lead to update staff with any local updates. Monitor impact of PHSE curriculum	AM	ongoing
	n/a		
	Training planned	AM	
	continue with existing CPD plan	AM	ongoing

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	<i>n/a</i>		
	<i>The extra governor strategic responsibility training to be completed . Training to be completed business meeting Aut 25</i>	AM	Sep-25
	<i>To monitor and check on a termly basis through slt and governor checks</i>	AM/PA	termly
	<i>We combat the ' it doesn't happen here' through regular training</i>		
	<i>regularly remind staff of expectations</i>	AM	safeguarding training and through policies

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	<i>review of PHSE curriculum in 24 25 to ensure high coverage of equality and diversity. LCC Equality marks x 4 achieved with 2 completed in 25 26</i>	SA	
	<i>Contained within the review of PHSE and planned in explicit assemblies</i>	SA/AM	
	<i>continue to update filtering and monitoring with any future knowledge</i>	n/a	
		IT Dept	Termly checks
	<i>inclusion of Prevent agenda item at DSL termly update meetings</i>	AM	Termly
	<i>n.a</i>		
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Support available
Prevent e-learning
Home Office offer a free e-learning package on Prevent covering:

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- Prevent awareness
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- understanding Channel

Users that complete this training will receive a certificate.

<https://www.support-people-vulnerable-to-radicalisation.service.gov.uk/>

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Prevent duty guidance

Outlines the requirements of the duty, including working in partnership with others.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance/revise-prevent-duty-guidance-for-england-and-wales#c-a-risk-based-approach-to-the-prevent-duty>

Understanding channel

An overview of channel support and the Prevent Multi-Agency Panels (PMAP).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/channel-and-prevent-multi-agency-panel-pmap-guidance>

Sign-up for Educate Against Hate newsletter

Latest news, blogs and resources to help teachers, school leaders and designated safeguarding leads protect students from radicalisation

<https://signup.es-mail.co.uk/Signup/da659377ec9fa9e8d40363308d4a84ac>

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Prevent resources, guidance and support

The department's Educate Against Hate website provides a range of training and guidance materials.

www.educateagainsthate.com

Resources to support information sharing

The department has published guidance on making a Prevent referral.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-referral-to-prevent>

Resources for having difficult classroom conversations

Educate Against Hate has a range of resources to help teachers conduct difficult conversations with students. The 'Let's Discuss' teaching packs have been developed to help facilitate conversations about topics such as fundamental British values, extreme right-wing terrorism and Islamist extremism.

www.educateagainsthate.com

www.educateagainsthate.com/category/teachers/classroom-resources

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www.educateagainsthate.com/category/teachers/classroom-resources/?filter=lets-discuss

Web filtering and online safety

The Department for Education have issued comprehensive guidance on how schools and colleges should be using filtering and monitoring standards, including specific measures to comply with the Prevent duty.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/meeting-digital-and-technology-standards-in-schools-and-colleges/filtering-and-monitoring-standards-for-schools-and-colleges>

Further guidance is available at <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/teachers-and-school-staff/appropriate-filtering-and-monitoring/appropriate-monitoring>

You can test whether your internet service provider removes terrorist content at <http://testfiltering.com/>

The Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) can provide specialist advice and support to the further and higher education sectors to help providers ensure students are safe online and appropriate safeguards are in place.

Teach about online extremism

The 'Going Too Far?' resource from Educate Against Hate and the London Grid for Learning to help teach students about staying safe online

<https://www.educateagainsthate.com/resources/going-too-far/>

Political Impartiality Guidance

When using external agencies, schools in England must be mindful of their existing duties regarding political impartiality and to ensure the balanced presentation of political issues. Guidance on this is available on GOV.UK.

Support available

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/political-impartiality-in-schools/political-impartiality-in-schools#the-law>