



Prevent policy

INTRODUCTION

The UK faces a wide range of terrorist attacks and it is known that all terrorist groups that pose a threat to us are on a mission to recruit people to their cause. Prevent is part of a Government initiative to develop a robust counter terrorism programme, CONTEST. The prevent strategy aims to:

- Respond to the challenge of terrorism and the threat from those who promote these views.
- Offer practical help to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

Whilst it is still rare that school aged children become involved in terrorism, young people can still be exposed to extremist influences or views. Being aware of this and intervening early is a preferable way of tackling extremism.

DEFINITION OF EXTREMISM

Extremism can be defined as “The holding of extreme political or religious views; or the extreme actions taken as a result of these views”.

STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTING EXTREMISM

The Office for Security & Counter Terrorism works to counter the threat from terrorism and their work is detailed in the counter terrorism strategy CONTEST. This strategy is based on four areas of work:

- **Pursue** To stop terrorist attacks
- **Prevent** To stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism
- **Protect** To strengthen our protection against a terrorist attack
- **Prepare** To mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack

AIMS

At Safe Hands After School Club we are committed to keeping all of our children safe. In order to prevent radicalisation in line with the Department for Education, we aim to:

- **work in partnership:** Having contact with designated Safeguarding agencies, local authorities and the parents/family of the child to ensure that correct advice is given where necessary and appropriate action is taken.

- **Staff training:** The statutory guidance refers to the importance of Prevent awareness training to equip staff to identify children at risk of being drawn into terrorism and to challenge extremist ideas.
- **IT monitoring:** Ensuring that children are not being exposed to any terrorist or extremist material. This is managed using the internet filtering system put in place by the school.
- **Building children's resilience:** Offering children a safe and secure environment to be able to debate controversial issues and highlighting to the children that they can influence and participate in decision making. As well as the, the promotion of spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils and, within this, fundamental British values.

At safe hands we will ensure to support all the children in our care, by teaching them and guiding them about online safety. We will run regular activities on how to keep safe online and will always have open conversations on what games the children play and who they may be talking to online.

Updated: January 2023

Review date: January 2024

Updated by: Mel Lawlee