Department for Education

Prevent risk assessment for schools

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A risk assessment is a core part of implementing The Prevent duty. All providers should read guidance from the department on how to complete a risk assessment and on safeguarding students vulnerable to radicalisation.
Schools should assess the risk of children being drawn into terrorism, including support for extremist ideas that are part of terrorist ideology.

Providers may choose to have a specific separate risk assessment to better communicate to staff and document actions taken to mitigate any risks.
The purpose of the risk assessment is to have an awareness and understanding of the risk of radicalisation in your area and your institution. The type and scale of activity that will address the risk will vary but should be proportionate to the level of risk, type of provision, size and phase of education.

This is an internal document and should be reviewed annually, in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education requirements, or following a serious incident.

National Risks – risk of radicalisation generally

What national risks are you aware of that could impact to your area, setting, students or families? For example, online radicalisation

The current threat from Terrorism and Extremism in the United Kingdom is real and severe and can involve the exploitation of vulnerable people, including children to involve them in extremist activity.	Vulnerable individuals may be groomed and at risk of being radicalised. Recently a suspected terrist awaiting trial escaped from jail and presented a threat to members of the public (un til recaptured by the police).	There are extremist groups operating online to recruit individuals and groups to join their organisations to spread hate messages against groups/ faiths/ women etc.	Individuals who have been radicalised pose a threat to the public. They may be travelling on public transport, in public places at events, or try to gain access to public buildings and carry out an act of terrorism.

Local Risks – risk of radicalisation in your area and institution

What specific local risks are you aware of that could impact to your area, setting, students or families? E.g. local extremist activity (groups active in the area)

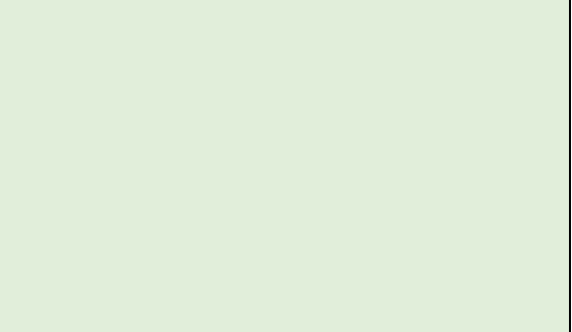|			
Young people can be at risk of grroming by extreme groups and enticed to join extreme groups online or in-person.	Young vulnerable students who are undergoing difficulty in their homelife or school life can explore other options online and can be attracted by groups offering new friends, work for a 'good cause'.	Young people who have been radicalised can become distant from friends and family and at risk of forming stronger attachments to these organisations. They are at risk of 'forced marriage within these groups', travel to countries where there is caliphate, they could be at risk of blackmail and honor-based violence or killing.	Young people are at risk of emotional harm from extremists operating online. They are at risk of adverse behaviour from peers who have been influenced negatively in their views.

Leadership and Partnership

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	What is the risk here?	*What are the hazards?*	*What has your institution put in place to ensure sufficient understanding and buy-in from Leadership?*		*What does your institution need to further action to address the identified risk(s)?*			**Prevent e-learning** Home Office offer a free e-learning package on Prevent covering: - Prevent awareness - Prevent referrals - understanding Channel
	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.	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.	Online Prevent Training beinally using an online training module. We recognise that early intervention is at the heart of "Prevent" in diverting people away from being drawn into terrorist activity. "Prevent" happens before any criminal activity takes place. It is about recognising, supporting and protecting people who might be susceptible to radicalisation. We use Fundamental British Values as a standard that we do not undermine in our teaching					Users that complete this training will receive a certificate. https://www.support-people-vulnerable-to- radicalisation.service.gov.uk/
		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.	All Leaders are Prevent trained and Safeguarding Level 3 Trained.					

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Leadership		Leaders do not communicate and promote the importance of the duty.	Leaders ensure that staff receive the appropriate training. There is a weekly safeguarding bulletin shared with all staff. Staff complete safeguarding quizzes.					

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		Leaders do not drive an effective safeguarding culture across the institution.	The prevent referral form can be accessed through North Yorkshire. The mechanism for reporting a Prevent issue is clearly described in our safeguarding training					
		Leaders do not provide a safe environment in which children can learn.	Children at the school are taught in classes in environments conducive to learning. We have an inclusion system where students have many options of staff to talk to raise a concern.					
		Leaders lack of knowledge of staff and interactions with students.	Promotion of a safeguarding culture through regular training, discussions, and highlighting risks and events in the news and media. Regular learning walks and lesson observations to assess whether Fundamental British Values					
		Leaders not communicating new information and new risks to students, staff and parents.	Leaders use self-evaluation to identify key priorities for continuous improvement with a safeguarding and prevent action plan created annually. Leaders offer information about new risks and ensure we adapt our provision for					
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.	The organisation does not establish effective partnerships with organisations such as the Local Authority and Police Prevent Team.	The provider has strong partnerships with: • Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership • DSL / headteacher forums • LADO • Community Safety Partnerships • Police Prevent Team • Channel panel • Child and family					**Prevent duty guidance** Outlines the requirements of the duty, including working in partnership with others. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance/revised- prevent-duty-guidance-for-england-and-wales#c-a-risk-based-approach-to-the- prevent-duty
	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.	The staff in the setting are not equipped to recognise risks and signs and they may not act appropriately to protect children in the setting.	Effective partnerships might include: • Regular attendance at meetings, boards or forums • In receipt of newsletters e.g. Educate Against Hate • Being able to demonstrate effective partnerships by use of the referral process or involvement in Channel					**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
Understanding Risk								
	Staff do not recognise signs of abuse or vulnerabilities and the risk of harm is not reported properly and promptly by staff.	Frontline staff including governors, do not understand what radicalisation means and why people may be vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism	Staff training and governor training is broader than face to face or e-learning. Staff training and updates is linked to training to teach risks and radicalisation and extreme behaviour, hate crime etc in the PSHE programme.					**Prevent e-learning** Home Office offer a free e-learning package on Prevent covering: - Prevent awareness

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Staff training		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.	Ensure all staff attend safeguarding training and are familiar with key school safeguarding and statutory policies. Log of safeguarding training is kept by the compliance secretary with oversight from the DSL. In person safeguarding training is conducted with all staff and covers radicalisation. Staff are required to complete annual Prevent training. With in-person training for permanent staff)periodically.					- Prevent referrals - understanding Channel Users that complete this training will receive a certificate. https://www.support-people-vulnerable-to-radicalisation.service.gov.uk/ **Prevent resources, guidance and support**
		Staff do not access Prevent training or refresher training.	Notice, Check, Share.					The department's Educate Against Hate website provides a range of training and guidance materials. www.educateagainsthate.com
		Governors are unable to fulfil their role to detect radicalisation when on site.	Ensure governors attend Prevent training. Records of governor training maintained. Training is regular. The DSL is required to present a termly report to the board of					

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		DSLs and SLT are unable to fulfil their role.	Ensure SLT and DSL receive additional support from local partnerships and training on local processes for Prevent					
			Training is quality assured and evaluated for effectiveness on a regular basis					
Information Sharing	Staff do not share information with relevant partners in a timely manner.	Staff do not feel confident sharing information with partners regarding radicalisation concerns.	The school 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					**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
		Staff are not aware of the Prevent referral process.	The school and local safeguarding partnership (Hillingdon) has clear processes for raising radicalisation concerns and making a Prevent referral. The referral form is included in our safeguarding documents.					

Building children's resilience to radicalisation		development of students and fundamental British values and community cohesion.					
		Teaching is monitored by senior leaders through observations, book checks and is quality assured					

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			The institution provides opportunities within the curriculum to discuss controversial issues and for students to develop critical thinking and digital literacy skills					
			Settings should ensure that discussions of controversial issues are carried out in a safe space. Staff training and advice is provided to deal with sensitive topics. School follows DFE advise not to debate 'live conflicts'.					
			The institution embeds fundamental British values into the curriculum, while also ensuring specific discussions can take place in a safe environment. Students are taught about FBVs and what they mean in contexts.					
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.	Students can access terrorist and extremist material when accessing the internet at the institution.	Settings should ensure appropriate internet filtering is in place. The school uses filtering and monitoring with alerts to the DSL. The DSL records on cpoms the outcome of checks. Taking action as required.					**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/
		Students may distribute extremist material using the institution IT system.	Settings should ensure that there is 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 should take lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection (including online safety). Online safety training is embedded in the PSHE curriculum and in our Digital Use Agreement - for students.					
			Online Prevent Training annually using the government training module. We recognise that early intervention is at the heart of "Prevent" in diverting people away from being drawn into terrorist activity. "Prevent" happens before any criminal activity t					
	External speakers or visitors being given a platform to radicalise children and young people or spread hateful or divisive narratives.	Leaders do not provide a safe space for children to learn.	A process is in place to manage site visitors, including sub-contractors.					**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. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/political-impartiality-in- schools/political-impartiality-in-schools#the-law
		Settings do not have clear protocols for ensuring that any visiting speakers are suitable and appropriately supervised.	Visiting speaker policy in place and followed by all members of staff. Record of visiting speakers kept.					

Visitors		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.				
			The setting seeks advice and support from partners where necessary to make an assessment of suitability. DBS checks and google searches are completed and id checks carried out in line with KCSIE 2024 guidance.				