

THE IVORY FEDERATION

Propps Hall Junior, Infant and Nursery School Springhead Infant and Nursery School Rushcroft Primary School

DEALING WITH EXTREMISM AND RADICALISATION

This policy relates to the following legislation:

- Education Act 1996
- Children Act 2004
- Equality Act 2010
- Education Act 2011
- Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015

The following statutory guidance and documentation is also relevant to this policy:

- *Keeping Children Safe in Education: Statutory Guidance for Schools and Colleges* (DfE 2026)
- *Working Together to Safeguard Children* (HM Government 2026)
- *Prevent Duty Guidance: Guidance for Specified Authorities in England and Wales* (HM Government 2023)
- *Channel Duty Guidance: Protecting People Susceptible to Radicalisation* (HM Government)
- *The Prevent Duty: Safeguarding Learners Vulnerable to Radicalisation* (DfE)
- *Equality Act 2010: Advice for Schools* (DfE)

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children. We take account of current statutory safeguarding guidance, including *Working Together to Safeguard Children* and *Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026*. The Prevent duty forms part of our wider safeguarding responsibilities and concerns about radicalisation will be responded to through the Federation's established safeguarding procedures.

RATIONALE

We have a responsibility to safeguard pupils from the risk of radicalisation and involvement in terrorism. Under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, schools must have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. This is known as the Prevent duty.

Radicalisation is a safeguarding concern. Staff must be able to recognise where a pupil may be susceptible to radicalisation, know how to respond to concerns and understand the school's procedures for seeking further advice or making a referral. The Federation promotes the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs as part of its wider work to prepare pupils for life in modern Britain.

For the purposes of this policy:

Radicalisation is the process of a person legitimising support for, or use of, terrorist violence.

Extremism is the promotion or advancement of an ideology based on violence, hatred or intolerance, that aims to negate or destroy the fundamental rights and freedoms of others; or undermine, overturn or replace the UK's system of liberal parliamentary democracy and democratic rights; or intentionally create a permissive environment for others to achieve those results.

We as a school community commit to promoting equality and we believe this policy is in line with the Equality Act 2010.

PURPOSE

- To safeguard and promote the welfare of all children.
- To meet the Federation's responsibilities under the Prevent duty.
- To identify and support pupils who may be susceptible to radicalisation or being drawn into terrorism.
- To ensure staff know how to recognise, record and report concerns.
- To assess and respond appropriately to the risk of radicalisation, including risks arising through online activity.
- To actively promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.
- To provide pupils with an age-appropriate curriculum which develops resilience, critical thinking and the knowledge and skills needed to stay safe.

BROAD GUIDELINES

The Executive Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team will:

- ensure that the Federation fulfils its responsibilities under the Prevent duty;
- ensure that the risk of pupils being drawn into terrorism is considered as part of the Federation's safeguarding arrangements and that appropriate action is taken to mitigate identified risks;
- ensure that appropriate Prevent awareness and training is provided to staff and governors and is refreshed in accordance with current guidance and identified need;

- ensure that staff understand the factors that may make a pupil susceptible to radicalisation and know how to report concerns;
- ensure that online safety arrangements, including appropriate filtering and monitoring, help protect pupils from terrorist and extremist material;
- ensure that concerns about radicalisation are considered and responded to as safeguarding concerns;
- ensure that appropriate referrals are made to the Local Authority Prevent team, Children's Social Care, Police or Channel, as appropriate;
- work with safeguarding partners and other relevant agencies where concerns arise;
- ensure that the curriculum provides appropriate opportunities to promote fundamental British values, develop pupils' resilience and critical thinking, and teach pupils how to stay safe, including online;
- ensure that pupils are provided with appropriate opportunities to discuss and understand different views, beliefs and cultures in a safe and respectful environment;
- ensure that Prevent arrangements are reviewed in response to changes in national or local risk, statutory guidance or learning from safeguarding concerns.

The Executive Headteacher has strategic oversight of the Federation's Prevent arrangements. Operational safeguarding concerns relating to radicalisation will be reported and managed through the Federation's normal DSL and Deputy DSL arrangements.

School staff will :

- undertake appropriate Prevent and safeguarding training;
- understand that radicalisation is a safeguarding concern and remain alert to changes in behaviour or circumstances which may indicate that a pupil is susceptible to radicalisation;
- be aware that there is no single profile or checklist of indicators that demonstrates that a person is being radicalised;
- be aware of the risks posed through online activity, including exposure to terrorist or extremist content;
- support pupils to develop resilience, critical thinking and an understanding of how to stay safe online;
- promote fundamental British values through their work with pupils;
- report any concern that a pupil may be susceptible to radicalisation immediately to the DSL or Deputy DSL;
- record concerns in accordance with the Federation's safeguarding procedures;
- not investigate concerns themselves or attempt to determine whether a pupil or family holds extremist views;
- follow the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy at all times.

RESPONDING TO CONCERNS

Any concern that a pupil may be susceptible to radicalisation or being drawn into terrorism must be reported immediately to the DSL or Deputy DSL and recorded in accordance with the Federation's safeguarding procedures.

The DSL will consider the concern in the context of the pupil's individual circumstances and, where appropriate, seek advice from the Local Authority Prevent team or other safeguarding partners. A referral to Channel, Children's Social Care or the Police will be made where appropriate.

Staff must not investigate concerns themselves or contact parents before discussing the concern with the DSL where doing so could increase risk or compromise safeguarding action.

Where there is an immediate risk of harm or a suspected terrorism-related offence, the Police will be contacted immediately.

CONCLUSION

Through the effective implementation of this policy, our school communities will be aware of the risks associated with extremism and radicalisation and will have appropriate procedures in place to identify and respond to concerns. The safety and welfare of children will remain paramount.

The implementation of this policy will be monitored through the Federation's existing safeguarding arrangements.

This policy will be reviewed annually and sooner where there are changes to legislation or statutory guidance, changes to the local or national risk picture, or where learning from an incident indicates that changes are required.

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Linked Policies

- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Online Safety, Acceptable Use & Filtering and Monitoring Policy
- Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy

- Child Sexual Exploitation, Child Criminal Exploitation, Female Genital Mutilation & Honour or Faith-Based Abuse Policy

Local Prevent Advice and Referrals

Current Local Authority Prevent advice, referral routes and contact details will be maintained by the Designated Safeguarding Lead and accessed through Oldham Council's current safeguarding and Prevent arrangements.

Staff must report concerns to the DSL or Deputy DSL rather than making a Prevent or Channel referral independently, unless there is an immediate emergency requiring contact with the Police.