

PREVENT RADICALISATION AND EXTREMISM POLICY

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This policy is to be adopted by each Academy and the associated Risk Assessment is to be adapted by each Academy

1. Rationale

In today's modern world, children may be exposed to many radical and extremist views, both through the people they meet and through a wide range of media.

Prevent is part of the UK's counter terrorism strategy, aimed at preventing people from becoming involved in terrorism or supporting terrorism. From 1 July 2015 all schools, registered early years childcare providers and registered later years childcare providers are subject to a duty to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism". Protecting children from the risk of radicalisation should be seen as part of schools' and childcare providers' wider safeguarding duties.

2. Policy and Procedure

Pupils within the Diocese of Salisbury Academy Trust are privy to a host of avenues where radicalisation and extremism is discussed.

- Collective worship and the curriculum cover topics where pupils learn about what
 radicalisation and extremism are, with examples in the world and, if appropriate, their
 locality. They are also taught about having their own voice and not always heeding the views
 of other people, especially if they have doubts about them.
- The PSHE curriculum covers aspects of radicalisation and extremism, including the close links to bullying and rights.
- Pupils are supported in their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development across all Key Stages and pupils learn about the rights and wrongs in society at a level appropriate to their age. This includes the fundamental British Values.

Our academies ensure that political impartiality is maintained; this includes ensuring any visitors to the school are suitable and appropriately supervised.

Our academies have an internal referral process whereby staff can flag up any concerns they have around radicalisation and extremism as stated in the Child Protection Policy. Any colleague with concerns should complete the Radicalisation and Extremism Concern Form attached and forward immediately to the Headteacher or to the designated lead for the delivery of Prevent. The concern is logged and a timeline started. The Police and Social Services will be contacted.

The Trust has a risk assessment in place which is personalised by each Academy and also identifies pupils who may be at risk of Radicalisation and Extremism.

Please see Radicalisation and Extremism Concern Form and Risk Assessment attached at Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

The Trust works closely with the Police and their PREVENT Agenda (please see Appendix 3 and Appendix 4). The National Prevent referral form can be accessed HERE if required.

The Trust ensures that all staff and volunteers within their schools have adequate training to identify the signs of radicalisation and know how to refer to the appropriate agencies.