



**Prevent Policy**  
**September 2024**

At Coppull Primary School and Nursery we are fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all its pupils. As a school we recognise that safeguarding against radicalisation is no different from safeguarding against any other vulnerability. All staff are expected to uphold and promote the fundamental principles of British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

While it remains rare for children and young people to become involved in terrorist activity, young people from an early age can be exposed to terrorist & extremist influences or prejudiced views. As with other forms of safeguarding strategies, early intervention is always preferable. Schools, working with other local partners, families and communities, play a key role in ensuring young people and their communities are safe from the threat of terrorism.

School staff are particularly important as they are in a position to identify concerns early and provide help for children, to prevent concerns from escalating. Schools and colleges and their staff form part of the wider safeguarding system for children. This system is described in statutory guidance Working Together to Safeguard Children and Keeping Children Safe in Education. Schools and colleges should work with social care, the police, health services and other services to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. Radicalisation is listed as a specific safeguarding issue within this statutory guidance and is addressed within the Government Prevent Strategy. The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on Schools to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”.

#### **The Prevent Strategy has three main objectives:**

- Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism & the threat we face from those who promote it;
- Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support;
- Work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation which we need to address.

#### **Definitions**

Radicalisation is defined as the act or process of making a person more radical or favouring of extreme or fundamental changes in political, economic or social conditions, institutions or habits of the mind. Extremism is defined as the holding of extreme political or religious views

#### **How can our school work with the Prevent strategy?**

Educational establishments have a clear responsibility to exercise their duty of care and to protect the welfare of students.

Schools subject to the Prevent Duty will be expected to demonstrate activity in the following areas –

- Assessing the risk of children being drawn into terrorism
- Demonstrate that they are protecting children and young people from being drawn into terrorism by having robust safeguarding policies.
- Ensure that their safeguarding arrangements take into account the policies and procedure.

- Make sure that staff have training that gives them the knowledge and confidence to identify children at risk of being drawn into terrorism, and to challenge extremist ideas which can be used to legitimise terrorism
- Ensure children are safe from terrorist and extremist material when accessing the internet in school.

At Coppull Primary School and Nursery we believe that the emotional and physical safety of children is of paramount importance, enabling them to grow into healthy, confident learners.

Our curriculum promotes respect, tolerance and diversity. We are committed to ensuring that our pupils are offered a broad and balanced curriculum that aims to prepare them for life in modern Britain. Children are encouraged to share their views and recognise that they are entitled to have their own different beliefs which should not be used to influence others. Our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education), Citizenship and SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural) provision is embedded across the curriculum, and underpins the ethos of the school. Teaching the schools' core values alongside the fundamental British values supports quality teaching and learning, whilst making a positive contribution to the development of a fair, just and civil society. Children are regularly taught about how to stay safe when using the Internet and are encouraged to recognise that people are not always who they say they are online. They are taught to seek adult help if they are upset or concerned about anything they read or see on the Internet.

By acting as role models and displaying the values of honesty, friendship, love and care, we teach the children how to act as responsible members of the community.

By being tolerant of other viewpoints and promoting Christian and British values within school, we teach the children how to treat others.

We adhere to the statutory duties that apply to all schools as set out in the following documents easily accessible through the internet:

Working Together To Safeguard Children 2023

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024

**If staff notice anything that may be of concern they know they can report this to:-**

**Claire Duxbury- DSL**

**Michael Chambers and Lindsey Parkinson -Deputy DSL**

### **Social media**

Social media is an increasingly influential part of life particularly for young people. It has been identified as an important tool in the sharing of extreme material and extremist groups are actively using social media to inform, share propaganda, radicalise and recruit for their cause. Social media safeguarding is an important element of protecting young people from extremist narratives.)

All staff, teaching and non-teaching, volunteers and others working in school need to:

- be aware that to safeguard children, they have a duty to share information with the designated leads, and through the designated lead, with other agencies
- understand they can make their own referral to children's social care

- be alert to signs and symptoms of harm and abuse
- know how to respond to their duty when they have concerns or when a pupil discloses to them and to act
- Know what and how to record concerns.
- All staff members undergo child protection training which is updated regularly.
- maintain an attitude of 'it could happen here'

#### Reporting concerns to the designated leads

Any concern should be discussed in the first instance with one of the designated leads as soon as possible. If, at any point, there is a risk of immediate serious harm to a child a referral should be made to children's social care immediately. Anybody can make a referral.

Please see the below links for more information.

Prevent Duty Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>

<https://educateagainsthate.com/parents/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/channel-guidance>