

Prevent Duty Policy – (Anti Radicalisation/ Counter Terrorism)

Background

Cranwell Primary School takes note of the advice from the Department of Education and Keeping Children Safe in Education with understanding the implications of the Prevent Duty. This is the duty in the Counter- terrorism and Security Act 2015 on specified Authorities, in the exercise of their functions, to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

Safeguarding is key to the school's ethos and this policy should be read alongside other safeguarding policies.

Definition

The definition of Radicalisation is 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.

The Prevent Duty

The Prevent Strategy is a part of the overall counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST. The aim of the Prevent Strategy is to reduce the threat to the UK from terrorism by stopping people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. In the Act this has simply been expressed as the need to 'prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.'

The statutory guidance on the Prevent Duty summarises the requirements on schools in terms of 4 general themes:

- Risk Assessment
- Working in Partnership
- Staff training
- IT policy

CONTEST is the UK's counter-terrorism strategy.

It's based on 4 themes:

prevent: to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism

- pursue: to stop terrorist attacks happening
- protect: to strengthen our protection against a terrorist attack
- prepare: to minimise the impact of a terrorist attack

CHANNEL is a voluntary, confidently support programme which focuses on providing support at an early stage to people who are identified as being susceptible to being drawn into terrorism.

Working in Partnership

The Lincolnshire's Safeguarding Children's Partnership (LSCP) co-ordinates Safeguarding and promotes the welfare of children in our local area. Cranwell follow advice given from the LSCP as well as from the police and civil society organisations.

Key staff work closely with parents and effective engagement is key as parents are in a position to spot signs of radicalisation. It is important to assist families who raise concerns and be able to advise them on the correct support mechanisms.

Risk Assessment

Cranwell Primary School has carried out a risk assessment inline with the Prevent Duty.

Staff training

Staff are trained in their Prevent Duty using Government materials and trained to raise concerns with the Designated safeguarding lead. The Designated Safeguarding lead is trained using the Local authority, DFE and Government materials and understands the process for escalating concerns via the referrals process.

Staff are reminded that there is a clear pathway to raise concerns;

- If anyone has a concern about a particular child they should follow the normal safeguarding procedures in our school. A 'record of concern' will be completed with the Designated Safeguarding Lead via CPOMS. Where deemed necessary, the lead may then discuss the matter with Children's Social Care. In Prevent priority areas, the Local Authority will have a Prevent Lead, who can also provide support.
- The Safeguarding Lead may also contact the local Police force or dial 101, the non-emergency number to talk in confidence and get support and advice.
- The Department of education has a dedicated telephone helpline (020 7340 7264) to enable staff and governors to raise concerns relating to extremism directly, or in non-emergency situations, they can also be e-mailed at: counter.extremism@education.gov.uk
- School staff should also understand when it is appropriate to make a referral to the Channel Programme. This is a programme which focuses on providing support at an early stage to people who are identified as being vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism. Further guidance on the Channel Programme can be found on;
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/channel-and-prevent-multi-agency-panel-pmap-guidance>

Staff complete safeguarding training within the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children's Board recommended 6 year pathway. Prevent training is also to be accessed within this framework. As a minimum, the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Safeguarding Lead undertake Prevent Awareness training and are able to provide advice and support to other members of staff on protecting children from the risk of radicalisation.

IT Policy

Suitable filtering is in place and Cranwell supports learning about internet safety. Alongside other risks of harm, it is expected that every teacher will be aware of the risks posed by the online activity of extremist and terrorist groups.

For further information and guidance, refer to Keeping Children Safe in Education.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-referral-to-prevent>