



The Prevent Duty - a guide for parents

In June 2015, the Department for Education (DfE) published new guidance on 'The Prevent duty' which prescribes new legal responsibilities on all schools in the UK. The Prevent duty is part of our wider safeguarding duties to protect children from harm. In particular, the Prevent duty requires our school to assess the risk of our pupils being drawn into radicalisation and extremism, and it requires our school staff to be able to identify and respond to children who are vulnerable to radicalisation.

The DfE's guidance defines radicalisation as "the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and forms of extremism leading to terrorism". It defines extremism as "vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs".

It is important to remember that these definitions do not only apply to one religious or political stand-point and can, in fact, apply to all political and religious stand-points that are imposed upon others, or oppose the fundamental British values, to extreme or fanatical levels.

At Mousehole School we believe that we can help build children's resilience to radicalisation by promoting fundamental British Values and by developing the confidence of pupils to make informed choices about their own values and opinions.

Staff have undergone either WRAP or NCALT training in order to be well equipped to identify any pupils who may be at risk.

Our technology filtering system denies access to any content of an extremist nature.

Our Prevent Duty and Safeguarding - Tackling Extremism and Radicalisation Policy outlines our policies and procedures in preventing radicalisation and extremism and encouraging community cohesion.