Dear visitor,

Welcome to our school. Once you have signed in, please wear your visitor badge at all times. Always sign out when leaving and return the badge issued to you.

Please ensure you have read the Safeguarding leaflet which details safeguarding, lockdown and fire evacuation arrangements at Bramhall High School.

We expect all visitors to the school to support us in protecting children from radicalisation and extremism.

#### What is the Prevent Strategy?

Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes.

The Prevent strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including the extreme right wing, violent groups and other causes.

# How does the Prevent Strategy apply to schools?

From July 2015 all schools (as well as other organisations) have had a duty (Prevent Duty) to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism.

This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views the same way we protect them from drugs or gang violence. Importantly, we can provide a safe place for pupils

to discuss these issues so they better understand how to protect themselves.

#### What does this mean in practice?

Many of the things we already do in school to help children become positive, happy members of society also contribute to the Prevent strategy.

#### These include:

- Exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity.
- Challenging prejudices and racist Comments.
- Developing critical thinking skills and a strong, positive self-identity.
- Promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, as well as British values such as democracy.

We will also protect children from the risk of radicalisation, for example by using filters on the internet to make sure they cannot access extremist and terrorist material, by vetting visitors who come into school to work with pupils and by having a ban on the use of personal mobile phones/smart devices.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### How does Prevent relate to British values?

Schools have been required to promote British values since 2014, and this will continue to be part of our response to the Prevent strategy. British values include:

- Democracy
- The rule of law

- Individual liberty and mutual respect
- Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

# Aren't children too young to learn about extremism?

The Prevent strategy is not just about discussing extremism itself, which may not be appropriate for younger children. It is also about teaching children values such as tolerance and mutual respect.

The school will make sure any discussions are suitable for the age and maturity of the children involved.

#### Is extremism really a risk in our area?

Extremism can take many forms, including political, religious and misogynistic extremism. Some of these may be a bigger threat in our area than others but extremism can be found anywhere.

At Bramhall High we aim to give children the skills to protect them from any extremist views they may encounter, now or later in their lives.

#### **KEY TERMS**

**Extremism** – vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values such as democracy, the rule of law and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.

**Ideology** – a set of beliefs.

**Terrorism** – a violent action against people or property, designed to create fear and advance a political, religious or ideological cause.

**Radicalisation** – the process by which a person comes to support extremism and terrorism.

### Where to go for more information:

#### Contact the school

If you have any questions or concerns about The Prevent Strategy and what it means for you/your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Our Prevent Lead is Ms Janet Kennedy: <a href="mailto:jkennedy@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk">jkennedy@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk</a> 0161 439 8045 ext. 155

## See our policies

You will find more details about radicalisation in our Safeguarding and Chid Protection Policy which is available on our website. If you require the policy in a language other than English, please inform reception.

www.bramhallhigh.co.uk



You are best placed to spot when something is not right with someone close. The earlier you tell us your worries, the quicker we can get the person you care about the help they need to protect them from being groomed and radicalised.

We're here to help. You won't be wasting our time.

Contact the Prevent Team on <u>0161</u> 8566345

You can also call the national police Prevent advice line <u>0800 011 3764</u>, in confidence, to share your concerns with our specially trained officers.

If it's an emergency, please call 999.

# Prevent Duty Information for visitors



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