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Prevent Duty

Roe Green Infant School are fully committed to safeguarding 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.

On 1 July 2015 the Prevent duty (section 26) of the Counter – Terrorism and Security Act 2015 came into force.

This duty places the responsibility on local authorities to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

What does it mean for our school?

As part of Roe Green Infant School's commitment to safeguarding and child protection we fully support the governments prevent strategy.

We need to protect pupils from the risk of radicalisation, as part of your wider safeguarding duties and duty to promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils.

To do this, we will:

- Promote the fundamental British values in our curriculum
- Make sure the school is a safe space for pupils to discuss sensitive topics, including terrorism and extremism
- Ensure we have robust safeguarding procedures to identify children at risk
- Engage with our local authority's (LA's) risk assessment to determine the potential risk of individuals being drawn into terrorism in your local area
- Make sure we have measures in place to protect pupils from harmful online content, including setting up appropriate filtering systems
- Make sure staff receive training to help them identify pupils at risk, challenge extremist ideas, and know how to act if they have a concern

The designated safeguarding lead (DSL) **must** have Prevent awareness training

What should I do if I have a concern?

Follow your school's usual safeguarding procedures. Discuss these with the DSL, and they will decide whether to involve other agencies such as the LA, police, social services, or Channel, the government's programme for identifying and supporting those at risk of being drawn into terrorism.