

Prevent Strategy

As part of St Mark's commitment to safeguarding and child protection we fully support the government's *Prevent Strategy* and take guidance from *Teaching Approaches to help build resilience to extremism*.

What is the Prevent Strategy?

The Prevent Strategy is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists, supporting terrorism, fundamentalism or extremist behaviours. It:-

- Responds to the ideological challenge we face from terrorism and aspects of extremism, and the threat we face from those who promote these views
- Provides practical help to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure they are given appropriate advice and support.
- Works with a wide range of sectors (including education, criminal justice, faith, charities, online and health).

All staff at St Mark's Primary School have completed the government's Prevent Training on how to identify radicalisation and extremism. We recognise that we play a vital role in keeping children safe from harm, including from the risks of extremism and radicalisation and in promoting the welfare of children in our care.

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

Raising a concern

Concerns about the views of a child expressed in school are recorded and returned to the Designated Safeguarding Lead. If you are worried or concerned about comments made at home or worried about a child, please contact the Prevent Lead, Mrs Freeman.

According to concerns received, the following may be contacted:

- **Local Authority Prevent team – 01254 585260**
- **Police Prevent Team – 01772 413398**
- **If you think a threat is imminent, call the police on 999**
- **Alternatively, contact the police confidentially on the Anti-Terrorist hotline 0800 789 321**
- **Report your concerns to concern@lancashire.pnn.police.uk (mailto: concern@lancashire.pnn.police.uk)**

Concerns are also logged with the Preventing extremism in schools and children's services helpline

Email – counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk

Telephone – 020 7340 7264