

Bury Catholic
Preparatory
School

Preventing
Radicalisation Policy



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Mission Statement

*BCPS is a happy and caring school community.
We follow Jesus' example to respect, value and nurture every unique individual
to develop their God given talents and potential.
We are a school where faith and future flourish.*

Introduction

This policy applies to the whole school, including EYFS

Radicalisation is a process by which an individual or group comes to adopt increasingly extreme political, social, or religious ideals and aspirations.

Extremism is 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.

The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on specified authorities, including local authorities and childcare, education and other children's services providers, in the exercise of their functions, to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism (the 'Prevent' duty). Young people can be exposed to extremist influences or prejudiced views, in particular those via the internet and other social media. Schools can help to protect children from extremist and violent views in the same ways that they can help to safeguard children from child sexual exploitation, drugs, gang violence or alcohol.

The Prevent Strategy aims to protect vulnerable people from being drawn into terrorism. While it remains rare for children and young people to become involved in terrorist activity, young people from an early age can be exposed to terrorist and extremist influences or prejudiced views. We recognise that as with other forms of safeguarding strategies, early intervention is always preferable. Our school is committed to working with other local partners, families and communities, and we will play a key role in ensuring young people and their communities are safe from the threat of terrorism.

We also recognise that our school has a duty of care to our pupils and staff which includes safeguarding them from the risk of being drawn into terrorism. Being drawn into terrorism includes not just violent extremism, but also non-violent extremism, which can create an atmosphere conducive to terrorism and can popularise views which terrorists exploit. Prevent can work within both violent and non-violent extremism arenas and can include topics such as hate crime, racism, bullying, on-line safety and extreme political views.

Our School is committed to:

- Educating pupils on the appropriate use of social media and the dangers of downloading and sharing inappropriate material including that which is illegal under the Counter-Terrorism Act. E.g. Internet Safety Day
- Ensuring that pupils are unable to access any inappropriate internet sites whilst using the school computers / laptops through the use of appropriate filtering, firewalls and security settings.
- Educating pupils through lessons and assemblies on the concepts of radicalisation and extreme ideology. E.g. Individual liberty and freedom of speech.
- Informing pupils on the importance of Internet Safety both through the ICT curriculum and PHSEE education.
- Establishing a single point of contact in terms of safeguarding (the DSL is the Head Teacher)
- Assessing the risks of pupils being drawn into terrorism
- Developing an action plan to reduce the risk
- Training staff to recognise radicalisation and extremism
- Referring vulnerable people to Channel

- Prohibiting extremist speakers and events
- Managing access to extremist material- ICT filters
- Being confident about British Values

Curriculum

Bury Catholic Preparatory School develops pupils' resilience in a number of different ways across the curriculum including through the PSHEE programme of study, whole school and class assemblies, educational visits, drama workshops, debating, philosophy, and citizenship activities such as school council.

Visitors to the School (see visiting speakers procedures and guidance)

In order to safeguard pupils from visitors to the School who may have extreme or radical views the School will

- Ensure all visitors to the School are carefully vetted and take immediate action if any individual or group is perceived to be attempting to influence members of the School community, either physically or electronically.
- The Head teacher must be informed in advance that a visiting speaker is to be invited to the school. When looking at inviting an outside speaker the following information should be provided:
 - a. brief description of booking
 - b. group size
 - c. name and contact details of the person making the booking
 - d. start and end time of the event
 - e. contact details for external speaker
 - f. brief biography of the speaker

The Headteacher can then give outline authorisation for the speaker to be booked.

Staff Training

In order to fulfil the requirements of the Prevent Duty the School will:

- Ensure the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) undertakes Prevent awareness training and is able to provide advice and support to other members of staff on protecting children from the risk of radicalisation.
- Ensure staff are trained to be vigilant in spotting signs of extremist views and behaviours and that they always report anything to the DSL which may suggest a pupil, another staff member or a visitor is expressing opinions which may cause concern. Staff should follow the usual reporting procedures as for any other safeguarding concern as laid out in the School's Safeguarding (Child Protection) Policy.
- Ensure staff understand the importance of monitoring pupil absences and promptly address concerns about irregular absence with parents and / or carers.
- Ensure staff are aware of how to identify and respond to risks to children from extreme or radical views.
- All staff will complete the Channel awareness training as part of their induction.

Raising a concern

If a member of the school community, a child, a member of staff or a member of the school community raises a concern that relates to the Prevent Duty e.g. a child at risk of radicalisation, or exhibiting extremist the school will take this matter seriously and will follow Child Protection procedures.

1. Speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead.
2. Take advice as to whether a Referral Form needs to be completed. (MASH/Channel)
3. Complete relevant referral forms and send for assessment.
4. Subject to MASH assessment Inter-agency procedures may follow including, Escalation to Channel

We recognise that some people who are vulnerable to extreme views may find it difficult to develop a sense of self-worth and to view the world in a positive way. We also recognise that their behaviour may be challenging at times, and that some may cause offence or harm to others.

DfE dedicated telephone helpline for non-emergency advice for staff and governors 010 7340 7264 and counterextremism@education.gsi.gov.uk

The structure for our area is as follows:

Regional Channel Manager: Gaynor Egerton – 0161 856 6325 or gaynor.egerton@gmp.police.uk

GMP Channel Lead: DS Julie Haworth - 0161 856 636 or julie.haworth@gmp.pnn.police.uk

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