



The Prevent Duty

The Counter Terrorism and Security Act places a duty on schools "to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism" (the Prevent duty). The duty came into effect from July 2015. Statutory guidance on the duty is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>.

To help demonstrate what this means in practice, the following examples are based on what is in the statutory guidance. This also links into the agenda for promoting British values in schools.

Democracy: making decisions together - part of the focus on self-confidence and self-awareness as cited in Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Teachers and staff can encourage children to see their role in the bigger picture, encouraging children to know their views count, value each other's views and values and talk about their feelings, for example when they do or do not need help. When appropriate demonstrate democracy in action, for example, children sharing views on what the theme of their role play area could be with a show of hands.

Staff can support the decisions that children make and provide activities that involve turn-taking, sharing and collaboration. Children should be given opportunities to develop enquiring minds in an atmosphere where questions are valued.

Rule of law: understanding that rules matter - cited in Personal Social and Emotional Development as part of the focus on managing feelings and behaviour.

Staff can ensure that children understand their own and others' behaviour and its consequences, and learn to distinguish right from wrong.

Staff can collaborate with children to create the rules and the codes of behaviour, for example, to agree the rules about tidying up and ensure that all children understand rules apply to everyone.

Individual liberty: freedom for all - part of the focus on self-confidence & self-awareness and people & communities as cited in Personal Social and Emotional Development and Understanding the World for early years and PSHE for KS 1 and 2.

Children should develop a positive sense of themselves. Staff can provide opportunities for children to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and increase their confidence in their own abilities, for example through allowing children to take risks on an obstacle course, mixing colours, talking about their experiences and learning.

Staff will encourage a range of experiences that allow children to explore the language of feelings and responsibility, reflect on their differences and understand we are free to have different opinions.

Mutual respect and tolerance: treat others as you want to be treated - part of the focus on people & communities, managing feelings & behaviour and making relationships.

An ethos will be created of inclusivity and tolerance where views, faiths, cultures and races are valued and children are engaged with the wider community.

Children should acquire a tolerance and appreciation of and respect for their own and other cultures; know about similarities and differences between themselves and others and among families, faiths, communities, cultures and traditions and share and discuss practices, celebrations and experiences.

Staff will encourage and explain the importance of tolerant behaviours such as sharing and respecting other's opinions.

Staffs should promote diverse attitudes and challenge stereotypes, for example, sharing stories that reflect and value the diversity of children's experiences and providing resources and activities that challenge gender, cultural and racial stereotyping. A minimum approach, for example having notices on the walls or multi-faith books on the shelves will fall short of 'actively promoting'.

What is not acceptable is:

- actively promoting intolerance of other faiths, cultures and races
- failure to challenge gender stereotypes and routinely segregate girls and boys
- isolating children from their wider community
- failure to challenge behaviours (whether of staff, children or parents) that are not in line with the fundamental British values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs

As a school we will :

- Promote positive behaviour through rewards and sanctions
- Encourage democracy by using class and school councils
- Praise effort and achievement on the newsletter and website and through parental contact
- Challenge behaviours
- Listen to concerns

If you have any further questions about this please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Black or Mrs. Hughes who are both WRAP / PREVENT trainers.