

## PREVENT

### What is the Prevent Strategy?

**Prevent** is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes. The strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including the extreme far-right wing and extreme Islamist groups.



### How does the Prevent Strategy apply to schools and parents?

From July 2015 all schools have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism. This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremism and violent views the same way we protect them from online dangers, drugs or gang violence.

**The Prevent Strategy** is not just about discussing extremism itself, which may not be appropriate for younger children, it is also about teaching children the British Values: the *Rule of Law*, *Democracy*, *Individual Liberty*, *Tolerance* and *Mutual respect*. In addition, our PSHRE Education supports pupils to become positive, happy members of society and prepares them for life in modern Britain- which also contributes to the Prevent Strategy. Here is the link to our PSHRE Education page [PSHRE – Castlechurch Primary School | Stafford](#)

As part of the February INSET day staff will complete the latest PREVENT training in line with the updated guidance and information from the government (December 2023). The course outlines Prevent duty, the forms of extremism and terrorism threatening the UK and develops staff knowledge around the risks of radicalisation and the supportive role of staff.

Members of the public who would like to learn more about how to identify behaviours that cause concern may also complete a course designed for members of the public. Here is the link: <http://www.support-people-vulnerable-to-radicalisation.service.gov.uk/portal#awareness-course>

## Staff Training, Key Documents and Policies

In the autumn term our Designated Safeguarding Leads attended the Staffordshire Safeguarding Children's Board annual conference in Stafford which covered a range of topics including: attendance, elective home education, rights respecting schools, criminal exploitation and the virtual school for looked after children.

Staff also take part in weekly safeguarding briefings to keep their knowledge and understanding up to date.

Since September we have reviewed various safeguarding policies. These include:

- PREVENT Policy
- Child on Child Abuse Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy which includes our Child-Friendly Anti-Bullying Policy
- Looked After Children Policy



Click here to view our safeguarding policies:



## Safer Internet Day Tuesday 6th February



Children should feel safe at all times. This includes when they are online. We have an E-Safety Policy which is regularly reviewed and updated. Staying safe in the virtual world is regularly discussed in class and in assemblies to further promote the importance of this.

Oxhey staff have completed a comprehensive online safety training programme and, as a result, have received a *National Online Safety Certified School Accreditation* for its whole school community approach to protecting children in the online world.

National Online Safety is a multi-award winning digital training provider with extensive resources in online safety, developed in line with the Department of Education's statutory requirements.

We regularly email posters to offer advice, support and helpful tips for increasing internet safety in the home. These posters provide information on filters, time-limits and safety settings on various apps and devices as well as some of the risks of social media platforms that parents may not be aware of.

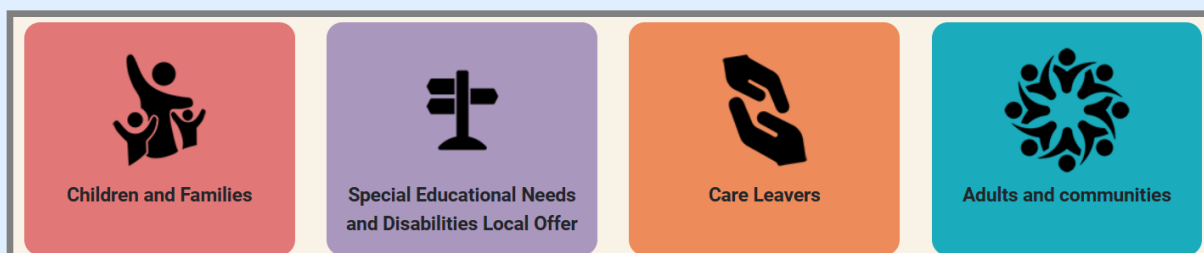
Please click on the link below for lots of useful resources and support for staying safe online including National Online Safety factsheets:

[Safeguarding – Castlechurch Primary School | Stafford](#)

[Computing – Castlechurch Primary School | Stafford](#)



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