



Safeguarding – PREVENT

Information for all parents and carers

At TJLS we strive to educate the whole child. Alongside our academic programme of study, we also want to ensure that, both socially and morally, our children's development is supported.

With this in mind, we have ensured our pedagogy and awareness within school conforms to the highest of safeguarding standards. This includes our understanding of, and commitment to, the Government's Prevent Strategy.

As you will see in this document, this strategy applies to all schools in the country. Frequently asked questions about this leaflet, can also be found on our Safeguarding 'Prevent' page on the Academy website.

This leaflet forms part of our excellent safeguarding practices and helps you to discover ways in which our ethos and aims aspire to create wonderful grown-ups of the future.

What is the Prevent strategy?

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

How does the Prevent strategy apply to schools?

- From July 2015 all schools (as well as other organisations) have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism.
- This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views the same way we protect them from any other harm.
- Importantly, we can provide a safe place for pupils to discuss these issues, at an appropriate level so they better understand how to keep themselves safe.

What does this mean in practice for TJLS?

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:

- Having a strong aims and ethos which pervades our school.
- Teaching a high-quality education.
- Exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity.
- Having a focus on the International dimension of our school.
- 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.

We will also protect children from the risk of radicalisation, for example by using filters on the internet to make sure they can't access extremist and terrorist material, or by vetting visitors who come into school to work with children.

Do you need more information?

Contact the school - If you have any questions or concerns about the Prevent Strategy and what it means for your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

See our policies - You will find more details about radicalisation in our safeguarding policy, available on our website.

We also have information about spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and British values.

External sources - The following sources may also be useful for further information:

Prevent duty guidance: for England and Wales, HM Government -

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/417943/Prevent_Duty_Guidance_England_Wales.pdf

Frequently asked questions, Prevent For Schools - <http://www.preventforschools.org>

Key Terms:

Extremism – vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values.

Ideology – a set of beliefs.

Terrorism – a violent action against people or property, designed to create fear and advance a political, religious or ideological cause.

Radicalisation – the process by which a person comes to support extremism and terrorism.