BRIGHSTONE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Prevent Statement

Prevent Duty

Preventing Radicalisation in school

As identified in HM Prevent Duty statutory Guidance that came into force on 31st December 2023, building resilience in our young people and the promotion of fundamental British values is at the heart of preventing radicalisation.

Within our federation we do this by providing a safe environment in which children can discuss issues and speak out to stay safe. During their time in school, staff aim to give the children the knowledge and confidence to challenge extremist beliefs and ideologies.

Our prevent duty, is carried out under the Counter−Terrorism and Security Act 2015, which legally requires us to take steps to prevent pupils from being drawn into terrorism. We take this duty seriously and carry out the four main actions responsibly, namely: risk assessment, working in partnership, staff training and IT policies.

If we assess a child as at risk, we will refer to the Channel Programme, which focuses on providing support at an early stage to people who are identified as being vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism.

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 we do if there is a concern?

If we have a concern about a particular pupil we will follow the school's normal safeguarding procedures, including discussing with the school's designated safeguarding lead, and where deemed necessary, with children's social care.

We may also contact the local police force or dial 101 (the non−emergency number). They can talk to us in confidence about concerns and help us gain access to support and advice.

The National Police Prevent advice line is in place 0800 011 3764 to enable staff and governors to raise concerns relating to extremism directly. Concerns can also be raised by email to counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk. Please note that the helpline is not intended for use in emergency situations, such as a child being at immediate risk of harm or a security incident In an emergency situation we will follow the recommended emergency procedures.