Prevent Duty Policy

Lead in school: *Mrs Atkinson-Smith*

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This policy has been written regarding Government advice. It is designed to give advice and be linked with a Prevent Duty self-assessment.

Definitions

In relation to Prevent, the following Government definitions may be of use:

- **Terrorism** is an action that endangers or causes serious violence to a person/people; causes serious damage to property; or seriously interferes or disrupts an electronic system. The use or threat must be designed to influence the government or to intimidate the public and is made for the purpose of advancing a political, religious or ideological cause. (Terrorism Act, 2000)
- **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. It also includes calls for the death of members of the UK armed forces, whether in this country or overseas. (Prevent Strategy, 2011)
- **Fundamental British values** are defined as democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. (Prevent Strategy, 2011)
- **Radicalisation** is the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and forms of extremism leading to terrorism.

How should the school raise any concerns?

If you have a concern about a risk of terrorism, contact Greater Manchester Police. In an emergency, dial 999. Otherwise, call the non-emergency number 101 or the Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789 321.

If you have a concern that an individual is being radicalised, or is vulnerable to radicalisation into extremism, please Speak to the Lead in your school: **Mrs Atkinson-Smith** who may make a (Channel) safeguarding referral through the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0161 770 3790 E-mail: cat-duty@oldham.gov.uk

Who can provide further information?

If you have any further questions, please contact: **Mrs Atkinson-Smith** who can then contact:

Oldham Council Prevent lead:
Lorraine.kenny@oldham.gov.uk

Channel

An on-line Channel general awareness raising course is available at:
http://course.ncalt.com/channel general awareness
This is recommended for all school staff. It takes around 25 minutes to complete, and after completion a certificate is printed out. All staff at Burnley Brow have to complete this course.

Key points about Prevent?

- Prevent is concerned with all forms of terrorism and extremism.
- Prevent is a safeguarding issue. The same principle apply to protecting young people from being drawn into terrorism as to protecting them against sexual exploitation or other forms of abuse. Like any other safeguarding risk, professionals need to take action when they observe behaviour of concern.
- A referral to Channel is not criminalising young people. Channel is concerned with preventing people committing any criminal offences or getting into trouble with the police.
- Channel does not result in a criminal record, nor will it show up in future Disclosure and Barring Service checks.
- Support provided through Channel is voluntary. People do not have to participate.
- Prevent should not discourage debate and the exploration of contentious and sensitive issues. Developing critical thinking skills helps us build resilience to extremism.
- We are committed to delivering Prevent in Oldham in a fair and proportionate way, informed by assessment of risk and vulnerability.