

Prevent Strategy – Oaklands Primary School

The Prevent strategy, published by the Government in 2011, is part of our overall counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST. The aim of the Prevent strategy is to reduce the threat to the UK from terrorism by stopping people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. In the Act this has simply been expressed as the need to “prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”.

The 2011 Prevent strategy has three specific strategic objectives:

- respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it;
- prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support;
- work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to address.

As children grow and become more independent, it is not unusual for them to take risks, explore new things and push boundaries. As children head toward their teenage years it is often a time when they will be searching for answers to questions about identity, faith and belonging, as well as looking for adventure and excitement.

This can mean that they are particularly vulnerable to extremist groups, who may claim to offer answers, as well as identity and a strong social network. Due to the fact that they know young people are vulnerable, extremist groups often target them using the internet and social media to spread their ideology. There have been a number of tragic examples where young people have been misled by extremist groups, with some travelling to Syria and others becoming involved in hate crimes against minority groups.

Every member of staff at Oaklands Primary School is trained to know the signs of a child who is vulnerable and possibly susceptible to becoming radicalised. As much as we educate our children to make the right choices in life it is impossible for us to monitor their decisions and the influences around them when they are outside of the school. It is therefore imperative that parents and carers are aware of who their children are talking to both online and face to face.

Let's Talk About It is an initiative designed to provide practical help and guidance to the public in order to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. Let's Talk About It has been created to provide a greater understanding of the support Prevent can offer and to challenge division and negativity in our communities through positive and effective attitude changes. By highlighting the issues and initiating discussions around the potential threats we face as a community, we can create greater understanding and wider awareness.

Home – [Let's Talk About It \(http://www.ltai.info/\)](http://www.ltai.info/)

WHAT IS LET'S TALK ABOUT IT? It is an initiative designed to provide practical help and guidance to the public in order to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

Preventing Radicalisation & extremism in Somerset, Information for Communities Family.

How can I help? Family, friends and other professionals are the first people to notice early warning signs that an individual is becoming involved in violent extremism.

Share your concerns about individuals you feel are susceptible to being drawn into violent extremist activity so that early, appropriate and effective support can be arranged. Likewise, report individuals or groups where it is felt extremism is being promoted. Do you yourself feel as though you need help?

What is already in place? Practitioners in Somerset have a process in place to receive and respond to concerns of vulnerable individuals and potential offenders.

In addition, there is a multi-agency programme in place called 'Channel' which works to identify and reduce risks to individuals becoming radicalised. For more information see key contacts on how to get help.

Key Contacts

Carl Hancock Prevent Lead practitioner 01935 425447

Police Prevent Referrals' Team

Tel: 01179 455 536/01179 455 539

Also out of hours (9-5 Monday to Friday)

Dial 101 Email: channelsw@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk Website: www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/newsroom/features/preventing-terrorism-and-extremism/ Somerset County Council Community Safety Team Can offer general advice at

Email: prevent@somerset.gov.uk

Website: www.somerset.gov.uk/prevent www.somerset.gov.uk/channel

Report online terrorist material Home Office website:

www.gov.uk/report-terrorism Useful websites www.counterterrorism.police.uk

www.preventtragedies.co.uk www.ltai.info www.educateagainsthate.com

Free training is available: <https://elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk/>

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