

Sytchampton Endowed Primary School

Prevent Policy

Signed by:

Headteacher

Date:

Chair of Governors

Date:

Review date: 17th March 2021

Next review due: March 2022

Rationale

The rationale of a 'Prevent' policy is 'to protect children from harm and to ensure that they are taught in a way that is consistent with the law and our values. Awareness of prevent and the risks it is intended to address are both vital. Staff can help to identify, and to refer to the relevant agencies, children whose behaviour suggests that they are being drawn into terrorism or extremism.' (Prevent Strategy, May 2008)

Prevent at Sytchampton Primary School

The staff and governors at Sytchampton Primary School take their duties to protect children from extremism very seriously, however they are mindful that our children are aged 4-11 years and feel it is through a broad and balanced curriculum underpinned by a strong SMSC ethos that we will aid children to grow up as strong individuals able to make informed life choices.

All adults working with children at Sytchampton Primary School actively carry out their duty of care in reporting to senior leadership any concerns in line with our safeguarding policy regarding the children or family situations which could cause harm to our children. The Governors also take their duty of care very seriously with regard to safer recruitment and application of safeguarding policies such as Disclosure and Barring Service and internal vetting procedures for visitors.

This is achieved through our belief that education can be a powerful tool, equipping young people with the knowledge, skills and reflective abilities to think for themselves, to challenge and debate; and giving young people opportunity to learn about different cultures and faiths and, to gain an understanding of the values we share. Exploring ideas, developing a sense of identity and forming views are a normal part of growing up.

Examples of where this exhibits in practice are:

- The school vision, aims and values clearly enunciate the value we place on each individual and their understanding of their role in the school team and wider community
- A curriculum which is child centred, and engages children in reflecting on next steps of learning; in discussing and challenging a range of concepts and ideas from places such as peer comments, media and internet outputs
- An active school council, led by children which is attended by the headteacher and influences decisions
- Focused units of work that engage children in considering what it means to be British and that being British is about living alongside others in a multi-cultural community; engendering understanding of the viewpoints and practices, backgrounds and contributions everyone makes to the country
- Opportunities to develop cultural and social understanding are taken through school assemblies; displays i.e. child voice, What I'm proud of, specific religious festivals; a shared understanding of what is politeness and good behaviour and learning behaviours which children display day in and day out.

This policy can also be seen in action through the approaches and policies in place in other areas, in particular Religious Education, PSHE and assemblies.

Actions in response of concern

If staff are concerned by children whose behaviour suggests that they are being drawn into terrorism or extremism they will deal with it in a similar manner to that of safeguarding. Children may present with concerning behaviour or presentation in respect of extremist and/or violent behaviour. The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) will be informed and a record of concern form will be completed.

The DSL will seek advice and inform the appropriate bodies:

The LA contact is James Wheeliker: jwheeliker@worcestershire.gov.uk.

The Police contacts are: prevent@warwickshireandwestmercia.pnn.police.uk

- DS Phil COLLEY
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Policy will be reviewed annually and a policy review may also be considered in the event that new guidance or legislative changes are introduced by the Department for Education.