



LEVENS SCHOOL

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Prevent Duty Statement

(in conjunction with our Child Protection Policy)

Prevent Duty (June 2015)

The Prevent duty requires school staff to be able to identify children who are vulnerable to radicalisation and to know what to do when they are identified. This duty is part of our wider safeguarding duties.

There is no place for extremist views of any kind in our school, whether from internal sources – pupils, staff, visiting adults, governors etc. or external sources – school community, external agencies or individuals.

Any prejudice, discrimination or extremist views, including derogatory language, displayed by pupils, staff, visitors or parents will always be challenged and, where appropriate, dealt with. Where misconduct by a teacher is proven, the matter will be referred to the National College for Teaching and Leadership for their consideration. Misconduct by other staff will be dealt with under normal school disciplinary procedures.

We encourage pupils to respect the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. We ensure that partisan political views are not promoted in the teaching of any subject in the school and where political issues are brought to the attention of the pupils, reasonably practicable steps are taken to offer a balanced presentation of opposing views to pupils.

We are committed to:

- promoting British Values through our curriculum and our assemblies; alongside our pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- providing a safe space in which we can debate controversial issues and develop the skills to challenge extremist arguments.
- enabling our children to develop the skills to understand and manage potentially difficult situations; recognise where pressure from others threatens their personal safety and wellbeing.
- engaging effectively with parents and families in raising awareness and offering support and guidance in protecting our children.
- delivering a broad curriculum that equips our children with the essential life skills and learning experiences relevant to life in modern Britain.

At Levens School we have a responsibility to:

- assess the risk of children being drawn into terrorism, including support of extremist ideas that are part of terrorist ideology.
- work in partnerships with LSCB and other local agencies for the purpose of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children.
- provide training to staff to enable them to quickly identify children at risk.
- review our procedures on safer internet use, both in and outside school.

Mrs Farraday, head teacher, has undertaken on-line 'Understanding Pathways to Extremism and the Prevent Programme' and 'Channel Awareness'; and attended Cumbria Police Briefings (Autumn 2015). She is able to provide advice and support to staff and parents on how to protect our children against the risk of radicalisation.

Mrs Farraday is school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and Prevent Single Point of Contact.

Further information on general safeguarding principles that apply to keeping children safe from the risk of radicalisation are set out in relevant statutory guidance; *Working together to safeguard children* and *Keeping children safe in education*.



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