

## **Working in partnership with our parents – the Prevent strategy**

### **What is the Prevent strategy?**

Prevent is a government strategy designed to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism or extremist causes.

The Prevent strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism, (including extreme right wing groups).

### **How does the Prevent strategy apply to schools?**

From July 2015 all schools (as well as other organisations) have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism.

This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views in the same way we protect them from drugs or gang violence.

Importantly, we can provide a safe place for pupils to discuss these issues so they better understand how to protect themselves.

### **What does this mean in practice?**

Many of the things we already do in school to help our pupils become positive, happy members of society, also contribute to the Prevent strategy.

These include:

- Exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity
- Challenging prejudices and racist comments
- Developing critical thinking skills and a strong, positive self-identity
- Promoting the spiritual, moral social and cultural development of pupils, as well as British values such as democracy

We will also protect our pupils from the risk of radicalisation, for example by using filters on the internet, by using software tracking tools to make sure they cannot access extremist and terrorist material and by vetting visitors who come into school to work with pupils.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **How does Prevent relate to British Values?**

Schools have been required to promote British values since 2014, and this will continue to be part of our response to the Prevent strategy.

British values include

- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Individual liberty
- Respect
- Tolerance

#### **Is extremism really a risk in our area?**

Extremism can take many forms and some of these may be a bigger threat in our area than others. Consequently we aim to give our pupils the skills to protect them from any extremist views they may encounter, now or later in their lives.

### **Where to go for more information**

#### **Contact the school**

If you have any questions or concerns about the Prevent strategy and what it means for your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

#### **See our policies**

You will find more details about radicalisation and extremism in our Child Protection Policy.

We also have information about the Curriculum and British values on our website

[www.stgregorys.harrow.sch.uk](http://www.stgregorys.harrow.sch.uk)

**External sources**

The following may also be useful for further information:

**Prevent duty guidance**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>

