

Keeping Children Safe

Where to go for more information

Contact the school

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

See our policies

You will find more details in our Safeguarding Policy and our Preventing Extremism & Radicalisation Policy available on our website.

If you believe a child or young adult under the age of 18 years might be suffering, or is likely to suffer significant harm (including any mistreatment or abuse), contact **MASH** on **0300 500 8090**. In an emergency, you should call **999**.

External sources

www.childnet.com/resources

resources on how to keep your child safe online

Prevent duty guidance

www.gov.uk/government/publications/protecting-children-from-radicalisation-the-prevent-duty

What is Prevent? Let's Talk About It
<http://ltai.info>



Safeguarding in schools is nothing new, but the risks are changing. Young people are rarely seen without a smartphone or tablet in their hand – sharing images, watching videos, posting on social networking sites, or exploring the internet. As young people spend more time online and become more confident online users, the potential threats inevitably increase. To help you as parents/carers, we have collated some information and resources that may be of value.

Thinkuknow is an educational game from the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command.

NSPCC Their website has information that you can access if you are worried about your child or any other child. The section on bullying and cyberbullying is particularly useful.

Childnet aim to work in partnership with others around the world to help make the internet safe. They have a useful Parents and Carers Toolkit which aims to support you to support your child with safe internet use.

Child Safety Online: DFE Guidance on Child Safety Online – A practical guide for parents and carers whose children are using social media.

If you are concerned about online grooming or sexual behaviour online, contact CEOP: www.ceop.police.uk.

If you stumble across criminal or obscene content on the internet, you should report it to the Internet Watch Foundation: www.iwf.org.uk

What does this mean in practice?

Everything we already do in school is aimed to help children become positive, happy members of society.

These include:

- Promoting our school values, which have recently been updated with input from children and parents
- Developing a strong, positive self-identity
- Developing critical thinking skills so that children are equipped to make their own informed decisions
- Exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity
- Challenging prejudices and racist comments
- Promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils
- Promoting British values (democracy, rule of law, tolerance, respect and individual liberty)

We will also protect children by using filters on the internet to make sure they can't access inappropriate material, and by vetting visitors who come into school to work with pupils.

What is the prevent strategy?

Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes.

How does the Prevent strategy apply to schools?

From July 2015 we have a duty to safeguard all children from radicalisation and extremism.

This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views in the same way that 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.