

The 'Prevent' duty:

Children & young people are vulnerable to extremist ideology & radicalisation & should be protected as part of an education settings' safeguarding approach.

Extremism: vocal or active opposition to democratic values, law, individual liberty, respect & tolerance.

Radicalisation: the process of supporting terrorism & extremist ideologies

Terrorism: action that endangers or causes serious violence, damage or interference to a person, property, or electronic system, to influence the government or intimidate the public, in order to advance a political, religious or ideological cause.

The Prevent programme must not involve:

- covert activity against people or communities
- unnecessary intrusion into family life
- Overriding your legal duties of ensuring freedom of speech within legal boundaries

Be careful that you do not stereotype – any group or community can be drawn to extremist ideas & put a child or young person at risk.

Factors making students vulnerable include:

- Pressure from peers & others or the internet
- Crime against them or involvement in crime
- Anti-social behaviour and bullying
- Family tensions
- Race or hate crime
- Lack of self-esteem or identity
- Personal or political grievances

Signs to look out for include:

- Isolation
- Fixation on an ideology/belief/subject
- Sense of injustice/grievance
- Subjected to group influence/control
- Seeking identity/meaning/belonging
- 'Them' and 'us' perspective on situations
- Attitudes that justify offending etc.

If you think a student might be at risk:

- Inform your DSL/D immediately
- The DSL/D will assess the needs of the student & family & ensure:
 - they are supported in the setting & with a 'team around the family' meeting and Prevent concerns are raised with South Yorkshire Prevent Team immediately, **or:**

- Risks of significant harm to child are raised immediately with the Sheffield Safeguarding Hub, tel. 0114 2734855 (Social Care will then discuss with SY Police reps in the Hub)

Education settings should ensure:

- They are alert to behaviour which may indicate that a student needs help or protection
- They discuss & challenge ideas & 'risky' issues via the curriculum, debates, outside speakers, etc.
- They have clear procedures in place to assess & protect students at risk
- Students are safe from terrorist & extremist material when accessing the setting's internet
- They give a proportionate response to risk
- They work with all services, e.g., Youth Justice, Social Care, & Community Youth Teams, to ensure the welfare of students, staff & visitors

Training:

- Designated Safeguarding Leads & Deputies must complete the Leadership [Prevent Briefing](#) via Learn Sheffield
- Other staff can complete the [e-learning on Prevent](#) or other appropriately sourced training

South Yorkshire Police Prevent Team:

Tel.: **0114 2523217** (8am–4pm) or via **101**

email: Prevent@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

In an emergency call **999**

Public referrals via: <https://actearly.uk/contact/>

Useful resources:

- [The Prevent Duty, advice for schools & childcare providers, DfE June 2015](#)
- [Revised Prevent Duty Guidance, DfE April 21](#)
- [Prevent duty guidance: for further education institutions in England and Wales - GOV.UK](#)
- [Keeping Children Safe in Education, DfE 2022](#)
- [ACT campaign](#)
- [Educate Against Hate](#)
- [Terrorism Act 2000](#)
- [SCSP Child Protection & Safeguarding Procedures](#)