

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Prevent Strategy and Statement



Prevent is one of the 4 elements of CONTEST, the government's counter-terrorism strategy. It aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

The Prevent strategy:

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- provides practical help to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure they are given appropriate advice and support
- works with a wide range of sectors (including education, criminal justice, faith, charities, online and health) where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to deal with.

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The St. Mary's Prevent Statement has been written in response to and in line with government guidance and forms part of the government's counter terrorism strategy which seeks to:

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The purpose of the St. Mary's Prevent Strategy is to protect students from harm and to ensure that they are taught in a way that is consistent with the law and British values. To this end it acts to;

- Raise awareness
- Provide information
- Enable learners to make a positive contribution
- Safeguard young people

We teach a broad and balanced curriculum which promotes the spiritual, moral and cultural development of students and prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life.

At St. Mary's Primary School students participate in a curriculum that promotes active learning and develops critical personal thinking skills. The school's focus on active learning and questioning enables students to explore social and emotional aspects of learning throughout the curriculum.

The School actively promotes diversity and shared values between the school community, the local community, the national and global community. We do this by celebrating our own school values of Trust, Respect, Excellence, Enthusiasm and Support. These School Values form the basis of our students understanding of wider communities and there are numerous academic and pastoral opportunities that embed this ethos.

The school challenges all prejudices including Islamophobia and anti-Semitism recognising students who are at risk of isolation. The emphasis on pastoral care through Rewards and Consequences, assemblies, PSHE and enrichment activities ensure that the school is a safe place to learn and that anti-bullying strategies minimise hate and prejudice based bullying. The school seeks justice for incidences of such bullying and uses restorative approaches to repair harm when caused.