

PREVENT POLICY Swallow Grange Alternative Provision 1. Policy Statement

Swallow Grange is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all pupils and recognises its statutory responsibility to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism, in line with the **Counterterrorism and Security Act 2015**. This policy sets out how the setting meets its **Prevent Duty** and protects pupils from the risks of radicalisation and extremism.

Safeguarding against radicalisation is viewed as part of the school's wider safeguarding responsibilities and is approached in a proportionate, child centred and contextual way, taking account of the specific vulnerabilities of pupils with SEND and SEMH needs.

2. Legal Framework and Guidance

This policy is informed by the following statutory guidance and legislation:

- Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015
- Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2025
- Prevent Duty Guidance for England and Wales
- Working Together to Safeguard Children
- Local Authority PREVENT and safeguarding procedures

3. Definition of Radicalisation and Extremism

Radicalisation refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism or extremist ideologies associated with terrorist groups. Extremism is defined as vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.

4. Roles and Responsibilities Governing Body / Proprietor

- Ensures compliance with the Prevent Duty
- Ensures safeguarding arrangements include protection from radicalisation
- Receives assurance that staff training and risk assessments are in place

Senior Leadership Team

- Ensures this policy is implemented effectively
- Maintains oversight of the PREVENT Risk Assessment
- Ensures proportionate site security and visitor procedures

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

- Has lead responsibility for Prevent-related safeguarding concerns
- Maintains the Prevent Risk Assessment
- Provides advice and support to staff
- Makes referrals to external agencies (including the Channel programme) where appropriate

All Staff

- Undertake Prevent and safeguarding training
- Remain vigilant to signs of radicalisation
- Report concerns immediately to the DSL

5. Risk Assessment

Swallow Grange maintains a **PREVENT Risk Assessment** which considers:

- Local and national risks
- Pupil vulnerabilities (including SEND/SEMH)
- Online risks and exposure to extremist content
- Use of external speakers and visitors
- Site security and supervision

The risk assessment is reviewed regularly and updated in response to emerging risks or incidents.

6. Identifying and Responding to Risk

Staff are trained to recognise potential indicators of radicalisation, which may include:

- Changes in behaviour or language
- Increased isolation or fixation on extremist ideas
- Use of extremist symbols or online content
- Increased anger, intolerance or grievance narratives

Any concerns are treated as safeguarding concerns and reported immediately to the DSL. The DSL will assess the risk and take appropriate action, which may include Early Help, referral to Children's Social Care, or referral to the **Channel programme**.

7. Curriculum and Awareness Raising The

curriculum supports pupils to:

- Develop critical thinking skills
- Understand risk, influence and coercion
- Build resilience and emotional literacy
- Learn about online safety and misinformation

Teaching is age-appropriate and adapted to meet the developmental needs of pupils with SEND/SEMH.

8. Online Safety

Online safety is a key aspect of Prevent. The school: .

Uses appropriate filtering and monitoring systems

- Educates pupils about online risks, including extremist content and misinformation
- Ensures staff understand reporting routes for online concerns

Online risks linked to radicalisation are addressed through safeguarding education and supervision.

9. External Speakers and Visitors

All external visitors and speakers are subject to prior approval by senior leaders and the DSL. Consideration is given to:

- Educational value
- Age appropriateness
- Alignment with safeguarding values

Where relevant, a **PREVENT risk assessment** is completed for guest speakers. Visitors are supervised at all times.

10. Training

All staff receive:

- Prevent awareness training as part of safeguarding induction
- Regular updates and refresher training
- Guidance on identifying and responding to concerns

Training is proportionate and appropriate to staff roles.

11. Partnership Working

Swallow Grange works in partnership with:

- The Local Authority
- Children's Social Care
- Police and Prevent teams
- Other relevant agencies

Information is shared appropriately to safeguard pupils and reduce risk.

12. Monitoring and Review

This policy is reviewed **annually** or sooner if there are changes to legislation or local risk. Effectiveness is monitored through:

- Safeguarding audits
- Record scrutiny
- Training reviews

- Leadership oversight

13. Links to Other Policies

This policy should be read alongside:

- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Online Safety Policy
- Visitor Policy
- Whistleblowing Policy

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