



Distington Community School Prevent Statement

Distington Community School is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all its pupils. Every member of staff recognises that safeguarding against radicalisation and extremism is no different to safeguarding against any other vulnerability in today's society.

In **Distington Community School** we promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development of all our pupils. Our curriculum promotes the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and the mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faith and beliefs.

Children are regularly taught about how to stay safe when using the internet and are encouraged to recognise that people are not always who they say they are online. They are taught to seek adult help if they are upset or concerned about anything they read or see on the internet.

Through assemblies, themed days and the wider curriculum we prepare them for potential risk. As with other online risks of harm, teachers need to be aware of the risks posed by the online activity of extremist and terrorist groups and ensure children are aware and safe from this, when accessing the internet in school.

Our curriculum is broad and balanced; it promotes respect, tolerance and diversity. Children are encouraged to share their views and recognise that they are entitled to have their own different beliefs which should not be used to influence others. Our PSHE provision is embedded across the curriculum and underpins the ethos of our school. It is recognised that children with low aspirations are more vulnerable to radicalisation and therefore we strive to equip our pupils with confidence, self-belief, respect and tolerance as well as setting high standards and expectations for themselves.

Our school is committed to prevention and strategies and procedures that protect vulnerable individuals from being radicalised or exposed to extremist views. If we identify a pupil who is or may be at risk, advice will be sought from Cumbria Safeguarding Hub and if necessary Cumbria Police/Prevent Officer.

Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership: 0333 240 1727

Cumbria Police Prevent Officer: prevent@cumbria.police.uk

The aims of our good practice Prevent statement is to ensure that staff are fully engaged in being vigilant about radicalisation; that they overcome professional

disbelief that such issues will happen here and ensure that we work alongside other professional bodies and agencies to ensure that our pupils are safe from harm.

The Designated Safeguarding Leads/Safeguarding Team in this school are:

Angela Quirk (Exec Head / DDSL / Level 3 Safeguarding)

Leanne Savage (Head of School/DSL / Level 3 Safeguarding)

Rowen Quarry (Nursery Manager /Level 3 Safeguarding / Kidsafe/ELSA)

Debbie Benson (SENCO / Level 3 Safeguarding)

Faye Watson (SENCO / Level 3 Safeguarding)

Joanne Hughes (Administrator/ Level 3 Safeguarding)

Kalayne Lister (STA, Kidsafe/ELSA)

**All staff in Distington Community School have undertaken:
The Prevent, Channel Basic Awareness Training.**

Links to other policies:

This Prevent statement and leaflet links to the following policies in **Distington Community School;**

- ✦ Staff Code of Conduct
- ✦ Child Protection and Safeguarding
- ✦ Whole School Behaviour Policy and procedures
- ✦ Online Safety Policy ✦ Lettings & Premises
- ✦ First Day Contact Procedure

The following national guidelines relate to this leaflet:

- PREVENT Strategy HM Government
- Working Together to Safeguard Children, HM Government (2023)
- Keeping Children Safe in Education, DfE (Sept 2025)