

# St JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL



## Prevent Policy

### The Mission statement:

**“St John Fisher School seeks to help and encourage pupils to develop individually, collectively and freely a way of life modelled on Christ, in accordance with the Faith of the Roman Catholic Church”**

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Date of Next Review: 4th January 2018

**Owner: Miss T Chapman**

**This policy should be used in conjunction with the school's:**

- **Child Protection Policy**
- **Visitors to School Policy**
- **E- Safety Policy**

## **What is prevent?**

Prevent is a part of contest, the government counter terrorism taskforce. As of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015, schools are subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, in the exercise of their functions, to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”. This duty is known as the Prevent duty.

## **What does this mean for schools?**

In order for schools and childcare providers to fulfil the Prevent duty, it is essential that staff are able to identify children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation, and know what to do when they are identified.

## **Reporting concerns**

Reporting concerns regarding prevent should follow the same procedure as for reporting other safeguarding concerns the Designated Child Protection Coordinator (DCPC) should be made aware and the school safeguarding forms completed. The DCPC will then refer to the Prevent team where appropriate.

## **ICT usage**

Social media is the main medium used by certain organisations for circulating material and propaganda. The school will ensure that suitable filtering is in place to block usage of all social media sites in school. Staff allowing students access to ICT facilities, particularly the internet, during their lessons have a responsibility to monitor that usage and report any inappropriate sites or content that is accessed.

## **Visitors to the school**

All visitors to the school should report to and sign in at reception and receive a visitors badge. Any person working with students should have a Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) check. If there is no DBS they must be accompanied at all times by someone who does have the DBS check.

Any external speakers should be accompanied at all times and their material checked, preferably beforehand, for suitability.

## **Responsibilities**

### **School Leadership**

- To ensure that all staff receive training on prevent duty, how to recognise people who are vulnerable to radicalisation and know how to report concerns.
- Keep a record of all concerns and refer to the prevent duty team at Medway police where appropriate.

- To ensure that all relevant policies incorporate prevent.
- To ensure suitable filtering is in place to protect students using ICT facilities in school.
- To ensure all visitors to the school

## **Staff**

- To attend all staff training on prevent and ensure that they catch up on any relevant information if they miss the sessions.
- To monitor students in their care and report any concerns they have to the DCPC quickly and using the correct reporting forms.
- To monitor any ICT usage in their lessons and report to the ICT technicians any inappropriate sites accessed so that they can be blocked.

## **Students**

- To adhere to school ICT usage policies and ensure they are not accessing inappropriate material in school.
- To report to staff any inappropriate material they encounter whilst using school ICT facilities.
- To report to staff any concerns they have over other students accessing or sharing inappropriate content via email or social media.

## **Parents**

- To support the school in enforcing the acceptable ICT usage policy in school.
- To report to the school any concerns they have regarding material accessed by their child or shared with their child by other students.