

The Prevent Duty At Witton-le-Wear Primary School.

From 1st July 2015 all schools are subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 in the exercising of their general duties to have 'due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.' This duty is known as **The Prevent Duty**. Advice given under this duty must be adhered to by schools and other public bodies , and it reflects actions and approaches that many schools already take to protect children from risk. In order to fulfil the expectations of the Prevent Duty it is essential that staff are able to identify children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation and to know what to do if they are identified. This is seen as part of the school's wider safeguarding approaches and systems and is similar in nature to protecting children from other harms, e.g. drugs, neglect, sexual exploitation, etc.

At Witton-le-Wear Primary School we see our role in fulfilling the Prevent Duty as working with the children in other curriculum areas and approaches such as PSHCE (Personal Social Health and Citizenship Education), and in promoting fundamental British values and enabling them to challenge extremist views in a balanced and appropriate manner. PSHCE can be an effective way of providing pupils with time to explore sensitive or controversial issues , and equipping them with the knowledge and skills to understand and manage difficult situations. Citizenship helps provide the children with the knowledge, skills and understanding to prepare them to play a full and active part in society and to learn about the values and underlying systems which are fundamental to British Values.

Staff are aware of the elements of the Prevent Duty and the requirements that it places upon us as a school, and they will undertake relevant training as and when appropriate.

The Head teacher, Mr. Mark Stephenson, is the identified Lead Officer for The Prevent Duty (Counter-Terrorism and Security Act), and he should be the first point of contact for any queries or questions concerning this area.

