

Safeguarding Students from Extremism and Radicalisation.

Schools have a vital role to play in protecting students from the risks of extremism and radicalisation, a role which will be underpinned by the new duty in the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 “to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”. This is due to come into force on 1 July.

Keeping children safe from radicalisation risks are a safeguarding matter and should be approached in the same way as safeguarding children from other risks. We recognise that as a school we should engage with government advice and support to carry out effective counter-extremism work. In the first instance, we seek help from the local authority and local police. The Safeguarding Lead at the school has engaged with the PREVENT training at a local authority and also has delivered this training to all staff.

Parents who have concerns about their children may look to the school as a trusted source of advice on how to keep their children safe from these risks. In addition, to materials produced by local authorities and the police – such as the new “Prevent Tragedies” online campaign launched by the Police www.preventtragedies.co.uk – there are online resources produced by civil society groups which provide valuable advice, for example ‘Families Matter’ www.familiesmatter.org.uk, (run by Families Against Stress and Trauma).