

Working Together to Keep Our Children Safe: Understanding the Prevent Duty at Woodlands Primary School, Hedgehogs Nursery and Sunbeams Club

At Woodlands, keeping our children safe is at the heart of everything we do.

As part of our safeguarding responsibilities, we follow the Prevent Duty – a national strategy that helps protect children and young people from being drawn into extremist or radical views that could lead to harm.

The Prevent Duty is not about discouraging opinions or stifling debate – it's about building resilience, promoting respect and tolerance, and helping our children make safe, informed choices as they grow up in a digital and diverse world.

What Is the Prevent Duty?

The Prevent Duty is part of the Government's wider counter-terrorism strategy, but in schools it simply means:

Promoting British Values such as democracy, tolerance and mutual respect.

Teaching children how to think critically, question information, and understand the power of influence, especially online.

Ensuring that staff, governors, and parents are trained to spot early signs of vulnerability and know how to respond.

Working closely with our Local Authority, Police Prevent Team, and other agencies to keep our school community safe.

You can read the latest national guidance here:

 [Prevent Duty Guidance for England and Wales \(GOV.UK\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/prevent-duty-guidance-for-england-and-wales)

What We Do in School

At Woodlands, we weave Prevent into everyday school life:

Assemblies, PSHE and online safety lessons explore respect, diversity, and the importance of standing up for others.

Project Evolve resources help pupils learn how to stay safe and think critically online.

Our SMSC and British Values curriculum celebrates our shared community and encourages discussion around fairness, equality and democracy.

Staff, governors and volunteers all complete Prevent and safeguarding training to recognise and respond to any concerns.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Mrs Alice Morphet, is also the school's Prevent Single Point of Contact (SPOC).

If you ever have a concern or question, please speak to her or to any member of the wider safeguarding team, Mrs Cotton, Mrs Liversey, Miss Gittins or myself.

How Parents Can Help

We believe that keeping children safe is a shared responsibility between school and home. Here's how you can play your part:

1. Talk Together

Encourage open conversations at home about what children see and hear online. Help them to question information and to speak up if something feels worrying or confusing.

2. Learn More

The following free, official resources can help parents understand Prevent and spot signs of risk:



Home Office – Prevent Awareness e-Learning for everyone, including parents and carers
Take the short course here: <https://www.support-people-susceptible-to-radicalisation.service.gov.uk/portal#awareness-course>



Educate Against Hate (trusted Government site with videos and guides)
Visit Educate Against Hate for Parents: <https://www.educateagainsthate.com/parents/>



LGfL Parent Zone – Prevent & Online Safety
Explore LGfL page which explains it all in more detail: <https://counterextremism.lgfl.org.uk/>

These short modules explain what Prevent is, how to identify potential concerns, and how to work with schools to protect children from extremist or harmful influences.

To test your knowledge, try this quiz:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWohFd0jlhCNZt86ODmbD0yMpDStGyxU7dvdGYX8G9LTCbaw/viewform>

3. Stay Engaged

Support our assemblies, community events and themed curriculum days – these help children to see how our values of respect and inclusion come to life every day.
Look out for updates in our newsletters and on our school website under the Safeguarding and Prevent section.



Our Shared Commitment

By working together, we can help ensure that every child at Woodlands:

feels safe, valued, and listened to.

learns to celebrate difference and diversity.

develops confidence to make positive choices.

and knows what to do if something doesn't feel right.

If you would like more information about the Prevent Duty or how we teach British Values, please contact the school office or visit our safeguarding page online.

Thank you for being an active partner in keeping our school and community safe. 
Together, we can make a difference.