

Tackling Extremism and Radicalisation (PREVENT)

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Related Regulations	
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- [KCSIE September 2023](#)
- Keeping learners safe (Wales) [Keeping learners safe | GOV.WALES](#)
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Our Policy

SENAD and the schools it operates, namely Alderwasley Hall School & Sixth Form, Bladon House School, Edgewood School, Maple View School, Pegasus School and Rowden House School (which are located in England) and Aran Hall School (which is located in Wales) fully recognises its responsibilities for tackling extremism in all forms and its responsibilities in protecting children/young people from exposure to all types of radicalisation.

Aims & Principles

This Extremism and Radicalisation Policy is intended to provide us with a framework of dealing with issues of vulnerability, exposure to extreme views and ideologies which are seen to be inflammatory and against the ethos of our schools.

We recognise we are in an important position to identify the early signs, looking to safeguard and protect young people who are susceptible and vulnerable. We recognise the need to respond in taking appropriate action to prevent extremist views and ideologies developing alongside providing a broad curriculum. This policy sets out how we will deal with this.

Our parents and carers also need an understanding of the issues in order that they are clear about how the school will deal with such incidents, including how our curriculum and ethos underpins our actions.

Effective engagement with our parents/carers is also important as they are in a key position to spot signs of radicalisation. It is important to assist and advise parents/carers who raise concerns and point them in the right direction for support.

The proprietor (SENAD) and its schools will promote British values which are defined as promoting:

- **democracy**
- **the rule of law**
- **individual liberty**
- **mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs**
- **mutual respect for and tolerance of those without faith.**

We will make this policy available to our parents/carers, to our local community. This Policy will also be made available on the school website.

The Tackling Extremism & Radicalisation Policy is linked to the following policies:

- **Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy**
- **Equality & Diversity Policy**
- **Anti- bullying Policy including Cyberbullying**
- **Behavioural Management Policy**
- **Online safety Policy**

Furthermore, we will follow the procedures set out by the Local Safeguarding Children's Board with reference to Safeguarding Children and Young People who are deemed to be vulnerable to Violent Extremism as follows:

For Alderwasley Hall School, Bladon House School, Maple View School and Pegasus School:

<http://derbyshirescbs.proceduresonline.com/index.htm>

For Edgewood School:

https://northamptonshirescb.proceduresonline.com/p_sg_ch_extremism.html

For Rowden House School:

<http://hscb.herefordshire.gov.uk/for-professionals/policies-procedures/>

For Aran Hall School:

[About the North Wales Safeguarding Board – North Wales Safeguarding Board](#)

In tackling extremism and radicalisation, we will take account of the following national guidelines and legislation:

- [CONTEST \(Counter Terrorist Strategy\) 2023](#)
- [Channel Duty Guidance 2023](#)
- [Counter Terrorism & Security Act 2015](#)
- [The Prevent Duty, DfE Departmental advice for schools and child care providers](#)
- [PREVENT advice as issued by the Welsh Government](#)

Duties, Powers, Responsibilities

Section 26 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty upon Local Authorities and all specified settings including schools in the exercise of their functions to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from been drawn into terrorism”. It is applied to bodies in the UK who have significant interaction with people vulnerable to radicalisation.

We are required in our functions under section 26 to:

- Know about and identify early indicators in pupils.
- Develop the confidence to challenge and intervene.
- Assess the risk of our pupils being drawn into terrorism and terrorist ideology.
- Have clear protocols & keep records.
- Be monitored by Ofsted in England and in Wales by Estyn and CIW in how we exercise these duties.

We therefore recognise the PREVENT strategy is part of the overall Counter Terrorism Strategy, CONTEST in the UK. The aim of PREVENT is to reduce the threat to the UK from terrorism by stopping people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

We understand Channel to be an element of the PREVENT strategy aimed at stopping vulnerable people being drawn into terrorism, a programme working to challenge extremist ideas, working with individuals including children and young people.

We will work with the Local Authority and with other agencies in making sure we undertake our duties under PREVENT.

Definitions & Indicators

We recognise that extremism is defined as the holding of extreme political or religious views. It is a vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and the tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. We also include in our definition any calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or abroad.

We recognise radicalisation as the process by which people come to support terrorism, violent extremism and, in some cases, to then participate in terrorist groups, which can mean leaving their country to pursue this.

We recognise that children / young people can be enticed into radicalisation as they are more vulnerable and susceptible to this. They therefore can be drawn into violence or they can be exposed to the messages of extremist groups by many means especially on line and through social media. The school recognise that social media is increasingly a child’s or young person preferred method of communication which can increase their risk to exposure to radicalisation.

Messages, views, ideologies that are extremist in nature can come from parents/carers, family members or friends, and/or from direct contact with member groups and organisations. It can come from staff within an organisation, or be brought into a school by staff, visitors or volunteers.

Research has identified helpful lists of indicators based on actual UK case studies which would identify how a child or young person is vulnerable to radicalisation. The risk of radicalisation is the product of a number of factors and identifying this risk requires all our staff being able to exercise their judgement in raising any concern and reporting to the appropriate leads within the school.

We understand the following concerns as some indicators of vulnerability in children / young people to radicalisation and ones that are based upon research and from examples of case studies but that there is no definitive list and all these following concerns, indicators, factors and risk indicators are to be taken into account:

- **Identity Crisis** - distance from cultural/religious heritage and uncomfortable with their place in society around them;
- **Personal Crisis** - family tensions, sense of isolation, adolescence, low self-esteem, disassociation with existing friendship groups, becoming involved in new and different groups of friends, searching for answers to questions about identity, faith and belonging;
- **Personal Circumstances** - migration, local community tensions, events affecting country or region of origin, having a sense of grievance that is triggered by personal experience, racism, discrimination or aspects of government policy;
- **Unmet Aspirations** - perceptions of injustice, feeling of failure, rejection of civic life;
- **Criminality** - experiences of imprisonment, poor resettlement/reintegration, previous involvement with criminal groups.

We recognise the following potential diagnostic Indicators identified in the CHANNEL Guidance which include:

- Use of language seen to be inappropriate (e.g. causing distress or alarm and perceived to be prejudiced, inflammatory, or hateful).
- Noticeable behavioural changes.
- Expression of extreme views.
- Possession of extremist literature.
- Advocating violent actions and means.
- Seeking to recruit others to an extremist ideology.

We also understand these critical risk factors which indicate a possible process of potential grooming/entrapment:

- Changes in faith/ideology.
- Sudden name change linked to a different faith/ideology.
- Significant changes in appearance.
- Secrecy on the internet & access to websites with a social networking element.
- Narrow/limited religious or political view.
- Attendance at certain meetings e.g., rallies and articulating support for extremist views.
- “Them” and “us” language/rhetoric.
- Justifying the use of violence to solve societal issues.
- Isolation from usual friends, family or social groups.

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- Sudden unexplained foreign travel.

We will assess and monitor the risk of children being drawn into terrorism; the general risks may vary from area to area, and according to their age, local threat and proportionality. Our schools recognise that we are in an important position to identify risks within our local context.

We will use our Child Protection/Safeguarding Reporting process to raise safeguarding concerns in the school about an individual pupil undertaking a risk assessment if the concern is a PREVENT concern. If the concern is a PREVENT concern we will use the guidance and assessment as prescribed by our host local authority.

We will support and teach our pupils to keep safe on line and consider the impact of social media networking sites with additional consideration to the threat of exposure to extremism and radicalisation. We are aware of the increased risk of on-line radicalisation and how terrorist groups seek to radicalise young people on line.

We will use appropriate levels of filtering and consult with the relevant IT providers and provide training where necessary. Any breaches will be reported to the DSL who will record and monitor any actions taken using the guidance in KCSiE 2023

Please also refer to our On-line Safety Policy (510).

The Role of the Curriculum

We will work to ensure that our pupils will be skilled and equipped to be resilient and resist involvement in extreme or radical activities. Therefore, we recognise the need to build resilience in our pupils to make them less vulnerable.

We will therefore provide a broad and balanced curriculum within which we aim to support pupils, Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development (SMSC). SMSC development is promoted through all our subjects, including the ethos of our school where development of positive attitudes and values is central to everything we do.

Values underpinning public life in the UK have been summarised as democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and the tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. It is important that our pupils understand this through different approaches using a balanced and broad curriculum. This supports our pupils to be responsible citizens and prepares for an adult life living and working in Britain which is diverse and changing.

Our schools will ensure the promotion of British values and that these efforts are inclusive and promote unity between pupils, parents/carers and the local community.

Training

As part of our statutory duties and through opportunities we will ensure that all staff are fully aware of the threats, risks and vulnerabilities that are linked to extremism and radicalisation. This includes being alert to early indicators, responding to and reporting. This will include all staff including volunteers and proprietors and will be incorporated into staff induction training.

We will ensure that all staff are trained to be equipped and skilled in this field, making available training resources and support opportunities where required. We will follow the recommendations of the Local Authority and ensure staff attend PREVENT/WRAP meetings and training, or other recommended training and that this is relevant to the job role in the school.

In making sure that support needs are met of the pupils that staff including volunteers and governors understand CHANNEL, CHANNEL strategies and how to refer into Channel using local processes.

Safeguarding Roles and Responsibilities- Appendices A

Procedures for Referrals

We will treat any worry or concern that a child or young person in the school may be exposed to possible extremism, extremist ideology and or radicalisation as a safeguarding concern.

Recent case studies from the localities of our schools have identified the following concerns. Advice has been sought about the following areas of concern:

- Parents/carers presenting worrying views to any teacher, visitor or governor.
- A Staff member, proprietor, volunteer or visitor presenting concerning views.
- Access to radical teachings by someone in the school.
- Online exposure and the viewing of on-line materials seen to be concerning, disturbing, inflammatory, or anti- British in tone.
- Any child or young people/parents/ visitors on school property who you may feel are discussing/providing information to children that may be seen as inciting or inflammatory.
- Taking action to remove children from curriculum-based activities or visits on the basis of a view seen to be perceived as linked to an extreme view, ideology or irrational fear.

All concerns and incidents will be fully investigated and, in all cases, the Designated Safeguarding Lead can contact the Child Protection Manager/LADO for schools or in their absence the Safeguarding Team for advice and around next steps.

Where a concern or incident is judged to be immediate and serious an appropriate lead in the School (Head or DSL) will contact the police directly.

SENAD will be informed via its notify@senadgroup.com email alert system.

Visitors & Use of the Schools Premises

Visitors

- Upon arriving at the school all visitors including contractors will read the Safeguarding and Child Protection Guidance and any relevant Codes of Behaviour which they will be required to adhere to.
- Visitors and contractors will be subject to Identification checks which will include clarification of the purpose of their visit.
- The school may undertake further precautions in allowing visitors and contractors on their premises.

School Premises and Visiting Speakers

We will ensure the school building will not be used to give a platform to extremists this will be monitored as follows:

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- If a member of staff wishes to invite a speaker into a **SENAD school**, prior approval and agreement will be made with the Head Teacher/Principal or their nominated deputy which will be subject to the appropriate school safeguarding checks.
 - The invited speaker must confirm the topic of discussion with the school and staff will sit in on the session. If the speaker promotes safeguarding concerns, the session will be stopped and this will be reported to the safeguarding manager and Head Teacher/Principal. A safeguarding referral under PREVENT may then be made and in some circumstances, contact may be made directly with the police

Useful Websites:

UK Safer Internet Centre:

Guidance for teachers, and other professionals supporting children about how to stay safe on line & from radicalisation. **Includes:** checklists for Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram. Can be downloaded and used in Schools. www.saferinternet.org.uk

London Grid for Learning which has a range of short videos which explain some of the issues very well. Also provides the extremist narrative and developing a counter narrative. <http://counterextremism.lgfl.org.uk/>

Teaching approaches that build resilience to extremism amongst young people = [Teaching approaches that help to build resilience to extremism among young people - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/342422/Teaching_approaches_that_help_to_build_resilience_to_extremism_among_young_people_-_GOV.UK.pdf)

PREVENT

www.gov.uk/government/policies/protecting-the-uk-against-terrorism/supporting-pages/prevent-prevent-tragedies

NCALT -an E learning module which gives awareness of the CHANNEL process. Issued with certificate

https://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk/channel_awareness/01-welcome.html

Safeguarding Roles and Responsibilities- Appendices A

All staff and volunteers of our school have responsibility for the following:

- Being aware of the Local Safeguarding Procedures, and **with reference to Safeguarding Children and Young People Vulnerable to Violent Extremism**, ensuring these procedures are followed;
- That Staff including volunteers are aware of the Local Safeguarding Children Board's/Safeguarding Partnerships's Escalation Policy and Process, which may be followed if a staff member fears their concerns have not been addressed, and of the Confidential Reporting Whistleblowing policy;
- Ensuring we attend PREVENT/WRAP training and any other training prescribed by the Local Authority relevant to the role in the school;
- Being alert to the definitions and indicators around extremism and radicalisation, acting upon any of these concerns by reporting these to the Designated Safeguarding Lead(s) within the school;
- Bringing any concerns relating to extremism, or worrying ideologies, where a child or young person may have access to materials either online media contact or viewing to the Designated Lead/Teacher(s) for Safeguarding who is the single point of contact for Prevent concerns;

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- Bringing any concerns to the Designated Safeguarding Lead relating to parents/carers or visitors on the school's premises relating to views seen to be inflammatory, or contrary to the schools' principles in this policy and to a curriculum promoting diversity;
 - Being proactive in the school in protecting vulnerable children / young people from exposure to radical views and been radicalised by them;
 - Promoting an ethos within the school with regard to principles of equality, diversity, and inclusion including the positive values of different cultures;
 - Understanding the implications of prejudice-based bullying in an aim to protect children and young people from being radicalised;
 - Understanding British values, being proactive in this contributing to children's learning and the broader values of living & working in Modern Britain.
 - Listening to, and seeking out, the views, wishes & feelings of our pupils, ensuring that the vulnerable child's voice is heard and acknowledged;
 - Obtaining advice and seeking support for our pupils using the referral routes when a child or young person has been identified as vulnerable to extremism and radicalisation.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead has responsibility for the following:

- That they are the single point of contact in relation to protecting pupils/students from radicalisation and involvement in terrorism (SPOC);
- Being aware of the Local Children's Safeguarding Board's procedures **in regard to 'Safeguarding Children and Young People Vulnerable to Violent Extremism'**, ensuring these procedures are followed.
- That all concerns are seen as safeguarding concerns and reported under the procedures which are set out;
- That when concerns are brought to their attention they are aware of the advice and referral process PREVENT/Channel which is available in the local authority;
- That they may be asked to attend a Channel panel to present, discuss and agree a course of action on a child or young person raised through that process;
- That they ensure the child or young person receives the support available through PREVENT and Channel;
- That they are aware of signposting to other support services, web-based organisations and agencies that can assist a school;
- They will monitor the effect in practice of the RE curriculum and assembly policy, or in teachings where relevant that they are used to promote community cohesion and are reflective of multi-faith and beliefs;
- They inform and keep up to date as part of their training responsibilities all staff and volunteers;
- That they keep records of any concerns labelled clearly as Prevent, use and record risk assessments, interventions, and any advice and support that is sought.

Proprietors and School Leadership of our school are responsible for:

- That the Designated Lead in the school will act as the single point of contact for concerns;
- That the Safeguarding Designated Lead(s) has access to the training as prescribed by the Local Authority;
- That all staff, including volunteers is given access to the training as prescribed by the Local Authority and relevant to their job role;
- Ensuring that the Safeguarding Designated Lead(s) is sufficiently trained and equipped to deal with extremism and radicalisation in their school and he/she remains up to date with any guidance/legislation changes;

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- That processes of keeping records are in place for the reporting and recording of any concerns. That there is evidence of Risk Assessments being undertaken, and records are maintained of any interventions, advice and support that have been sought;
 - To consider how children may be taught about extremism and radicalisation as part of the broader safeguarding in the school which is promoted through teaching and learning opportunities as part of providing a broad and balanced curriculum;
 - Actively promoting values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs;
 - Having in place an Online Safety Policy (510) which can also address the concerns of radicalisation on line;
 - Making sure that this policy including any teachings or statements relating to the work of protecting children/young people from radicalisation is available to parents, and carers as appropriate, including displaying on the school's website.

Management of the Policy

The Head Teacher/Principal of the SENAD school and the Registered Managers of the allied Children's Homes will implement the policy and will ensure that all staff have read and understood their responsibilities.

The Proprietor will oversee the policy; ensure its implementation and compliance to statutory duties reviewing its content regularly. The Head Teacher/ Principal will report on and discuss progress within the School/Educational setting to the Proprietor on an annual basis.

This policy has been based on documentation provided by Derbyshire County Council and has been adopted by the school and SENAD.

Golden Rule
If in doubt - report it