

Factsheet for parents

Understanding the Prevent Strategy



Introduction

As a parent you may be worried about how extremism and radicalisation might affect your child.

We have put together this leaflet to help you understand more about extremism and radicalisation, and how you can deal with these issues.

Should I be worried?

Despite the high levels of media attention given to these issues, the chances of them affecting you as a parent are very low.

It is important to remember that most people will never support terrorism and that the amount of young people that become involved in violent extremism is very small.

What are extremism and radicalisation?

Any idea can be taken to an extreme, but the type of **extremism** that this leaflet looks at is when ideas and opinions lead on to violence.

We often hear on the news of young people that have been radicalised and drawn into terrorist groups, but what does that mean?

In simple terms **radicalisation** is the process of someone developing extremist views.

What is the Prevent Strategy?

Prevent is the pre-crime part of the UK's counter terrorism strategy, preventing people becoming involved in terrorism or supporting terrorism.

Implementing the Prevent Strategy in school is another way in which we safeguard the children in our care—we ensure they are safe.

All staff have received training in what to notice and how to handle concerns relating to extremism and radicalisation.

What to look out for

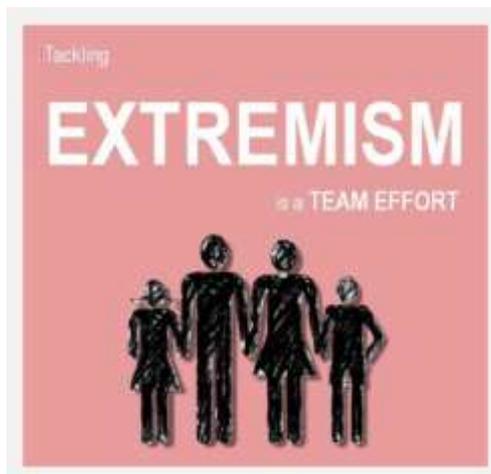
You know your child better than anyone else, and are best placed to notice any changes in their behaviour. Talk to someone if you have concerns.

It is the job of everyone to prevent the radicalisation of young people. Parents, teachers, friends and family all have a part to play in making sure that extremist ideas are challenged.

Unfortunately, there isn't a checklist of what makes someone become an extremist, every individual is unique.

Remember

- ☑ Young people want to push the boundaries. They are searching for an identity in a confusing world.
- ☑ Encouraging young people to learn about and understand alternative points of view is an essential role of a parent.



Help and Advice

Encourage **positive outlets for your child's** energies. Sports, clubs, hobbies, they all provide **identity and a sense of community**. It's just a case of finding the right one.

Allow **open and honest discussion**. Young people are naturally curious. Stopping discussion about extremism, radicalisation and terrorism is only likely to make it more interesting to your child.

Maintain a **strong e-safety message** and make it your business to know and understand what your children are doing online.



If you have concerns

If you have concerns about your child relating to extremism and radicalisation, you can receive support and advice from your local police by telephoning 101. They will treat the matter with total confidence and will do all they can to help to prevent your child turning to behaviour that breaks the law.

You can also contact Queen's Crescent on 01249 460190 or speak to your child's class teacher.

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