

# 10 things you should know about Prevent



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**Prevent** is a government strategy to safeguard people and communities from the threat of terrorism. It aims to stop people from becoming radicalised or supporting terrorism.

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Schools have a legal duty to prevent young people from being drawn into terrorism or extremist activity. This duty is described in ['The prevent duty: departmental advice for schools and childcare providers June 2015'](#)

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**All school staff**, including governors, must be aware of the content of the Prevent departmental guidance and the references made to Prevent in ['Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2019'](#)

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All schools must have a policy which describes the school's approach to meeting the Prevent duty and the school's child protection and safeguarding policy must also make reference to the Prevent duty, recognising that the school sees this as a safeguarding duty.

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Completing a prevent self assessment is recognised as good practice, providing an action plan which demonstrates the Prevent duty is being met. It is the school's responsibility to maintain their self assessment and act upon any gaps. The template can be sent to schools on request.

6	Schools may be addressing this area of work through a variety of routes in their curriculum and the organisation of their school day. These routes could include delivery through PSHE, citizenship or religious education or though how they promote fundamental British values or social, moral, spiritual and cultural education (SMSC) within their school.
7	Any concerns school staff have should be reported using their Designated Safeguarding Lead as a first point of contact. All information should be recorded using the school's recording systems.
8	The local authority procedures for making a referral are available on the NSSP website. This <a href="#">process map</a> was updated in 2018 and reflects the fact that Prevent concerns should be reported to One Call as a safeguarding concern 01670 534600, stating clearly the reason for the referral.
9	<p>The <b>Channel</b> programme is a process that works to identify a person who would benefit from early intervention and support away from the threat of radicalisation. It is a key part of Prevent and sets out a multi-agency approach to safeguarding people from potentially becoming a terrorist or supporting an extremist cause.</p> <p>Operational guidance on making a Channel Panel referral was updated in 2018 and the updated guidance can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
10	The latest government guidance on recognising the terrorist threat can be found on the <a href="#">National Counter Terrorism Security Office</a> webpages on the government's website.
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