

What is the Prevent Strategy?

Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes.

The Prevent strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including the extreme right wing, violent groups and other causes.

How does the Prevent Strategy apply to schools?

From July 2015, all schools (as well as other organisations) have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism.

This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views, the same way we protect them from drugs or gang violence for example.

Importantly, we can provide a safe place for students to discuss these issues so they better understand how to protect themselves.

What does this mean in practice?

At Ercall Wood Academy, many of the things we already do to help children become positive, happy members of society which contributes to the Prevent strategy.

These include:

- Exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity
- Challenging prejudices and racist comments
- Developing critical thinking skills and a strong, positive self-identity
- Promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, as well as British values such as democracy

We also protect children from the risk of radicalisation in other ways such as using filters on the internet to make sure they cannot access extremist and terrorist material, and vetting visitors who come into school to work with students.

KEY TERMS

- **Extremism** – vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values such as democracy, the rule of law and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs
- **Ideology** – a set of beliefs
- **Terrorism** – a violent action against people or property, designed to create fear and advance a political, religious or ideological cause
- **Radicalisation** – the process by which a person comes to support extremism and terrorism

REPORTING YOUR CONCERNS

If you have any concerns relating to the potential radicalisation of young people at Ercall Wood Academy please contact the school safeguarding team by email ewasafeguardingalert@taw.org.uk or telephone (01952 387300).

Alternatively, you can report your concerns directly to the Police Counter-Terrorism Unit on **0800 789 321** or online by visiting [Report terrorist or extremist content online – Action Counters Terrorism \(campaign.gov.uk\)](https://www.actioncounters.org.uk/report-terrorist-or-extremist-content-online)

Further information and methods of anonymous reporting can be found at <https://west-midlands.police.uk/your-options/hate-crime> and [Report terrorist or extremist content online – Action Counters Terrorism \(campaign.gov.uk\)](https://www.actioncounters.org.uk/report-terrorist-or-extremist-content-online)