



Prevent Duty at Highworth Warneford School

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At Highworth Warneford School, safeguarding is our highest priority. As part of our statutory responsibilities under the Prevent Duty, we are committed to protecting students from the risk of radicalisation and extremism, while promoting a safe and inclusive environment for learning.

The Prevent Duty, introduced under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, requires schools to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.” This forms part of our wider safeguarding framework and aligns with Keeping Children Safe in Education guidance.

At Highworth Warneford School:

- We build resilience through our curriculum by promoting critical thinking, respect for others, and Fundamental British Values (democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs). Please see PSHE curriculum map.
- All staff receive regular safeguarding and Prevent training to identify signs of vulnerability and understand how to respond appropriately. Members of the Safeguarding team complete additional training and work with the local authority and Wiltshire Police to ensure a good understanding of potential local issues.
- We work closely with parents, local authorities, and multi-agency partners to provide support for students who may be at risk. Where necessary, referrals are made to Channel, the government’s early intervention programme.
- We maintain robust policies on IT filtering, visiting speakers, and external activities to reduce exposure to radicalising influences.

Prevent is not about limiting discussion or stifling opinions. It is about safeguarding young people from harm and ensuring they are supported to make informed choices. We encourage open dialogue and provide safe spaces for students to explore challenging topics.

If you have any concerns about your child or another student, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Annie Hawkins, or the Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Heidi May, via the school office.