



St. Peter & St. Paul CE Primary School, Burgh-le-Marsh  
"Striving for excellence together in a caring Christian community."



RESPECT COMPASSION COURAGE

## PREVENT POLICY STATEMENT

Responsible: Governing Body

Agreed: March 2026

To be reviewed: Annually in line with Safeguarding Policy (or earlier if legislation changes)

Reviewed:

Our school is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all pupils, recognising that safeguarding against radicalisation is no different from safeguarding against any other vulnerability. In accordance with the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act, we fulfil our statutory "Prevent duty" to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

### **Aims and Principles**

The central objective of this policy is to ensure that all staff and governors are vigilant about the risks of radicalisation and extremism. We aim to protect pupils from extremist ideologies by identifying those at risk early and providing them with appropriate support. All staff are expected to maintain an attitude of "it could happen here" and suspend professional disbelief regarding the possibility of radicalisation within our community.

### **Promoting British Values and Resilience**

We provide a broad and balanced curriculum that promotes respect, tolerance, and diversity to prepare pupils for life in modern Britain. This includes:

- Active promotion of fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect for those with different faiths and beliefs.
- Creating a safe space where pupils can understand and discuss sensitive topics, including terrorism and extremist ideas, and learn how to challenge them.
- Utilising PSHE and Collective Worship themes to build pupils' resilience to radicalisation.
- Ensuring robust filtering and monitoring systems are in place on school IT networks to protect children from harmful online content.

## **Staff Training and Responsibilities**

- All staff and volunteers receive training to help them identify pupils at risk of radicalisation, challenge extremist ideas, and understand the school's internal referral processes.
- The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Deputy DSLs receive in-depth Prevent awareness training and are responsible for managing referrals and liaising with external agencies.
- The Governing Body monitors the effectiveness of this policy and ensures the school meets its statutory safeguarding duties.

## **Procedures for Referrals**

Any staff member with concerns regarding a child's susceptibility to radicalisation must act immediately by following the school's standard safeguarding procedures:

1. Internal Reporting: Speak to the DSL or the Headteacher immediately to log the concern.
2. Assessment: The DSL will discuss the concern and decide whether a referral to external agencies is required.
3. External Partnership: We are committed to working closely with the Lincolnshire Prevent Team and the Channel programme, a multi-agency support scheme for individuals vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism.
4. Immediate Danger: If there is an immediate risk of harm or terrorist activity, the Police must be contacted on 999.

## **Risk Assessment and Vetting**

We perform regular risk assessments to determine how pupils or staff may be at risk of radicalisation, including online. Our Safer Recruitment practices ensure that we remain alert to individuals who may seek positions within the school to unduly influence our character and ethos.

## **Useful Links**

Prevent Duty Guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>

Lincolnshire Police Prevent: <https://www.lincs.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/t/prevent/prevent/>

Safer Lincolnshire Partnership: <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/saferlincolnshirepartnership/prevent>

Channel Guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/channel-guidance>