

Prevent Strategy

St Mary's Horsforth Catholic Voluntary Academy



"Happy together in God's family,
we love, grow and learn."

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The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors to share this commitment.

St. Mary's Horsforth Catholic Voluntary Academy - Prevent Statement



Nothing is more important to us than the safety and welfare of our pupils. We take rigorous steps to ensure that children stay safe and do not come to any harm. We work closely with parents and carers and a range of professional agencies in order to secure this.

Prevent is part of the Government's strategy to address terrorism. The main aim of Prevent is to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. Prevent focuses on all forms of terrorist threats. The Government's Prevent strategy can be found on the following website: [Prevent duty guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/61622/prevent-duty-guidance.pdf)

St. Mary's Prevent Strategy

All schools are required by law to teach a broad and balanced curriculum which promotes the spiritual, moral and cultural development of children and prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life.

We aim to protect children from harm and to ensure that they are taught in a way that is consistent with the law and British Values. To this end, we act to:

- Raise awareness
- Provide information
- Enable learners to make a positive contribution
- Safeguard young people
- Foster a strong ethos and values-based curriculum

At St. Mary's, pupils participate in a curriculum that promotes active learning. We provide a safe space for our children to debate issues, develop their critical thinking skills and ask questions. We ensure that all pupils within our school have a voice and are listened to. This enables the pupils to explore social and emotional aspects of learning throughout the curriculum and helps teach them to become fully rounded members of society who treat others with respect and tolerance, regardless of their background.

We celebrate our own uniqueness and challenge prejudice of any kind.

How can you help?

It is important that we all work together so that we can protect our communities. There are many ways you can help:

- Get in touch with your local neighbourhood or Prevent team for advice and support if you are worried about someone you know who you believe may be vulnerable to radicalization;
- You can speak to your local officers about helping run community events to bring people from different communities together.