



## Prevent Statement

### What is the PREVENT strategy?

From July 2015 all schools have a duty to keep children safe from radicalisation and extremism. This means we have a duty to protect them from extreme and violent views in the same way that we protect them from drugs or gang violence. The PREVENT strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including the extreme right wing, violent groups and other causes.

In school, we can provide a safe place for children to discuss these issues so they have a better understanding about how to protect themselves.

### What does this mean at Alderman Jacobs School?

Many of the things we already do in school to help our children become positive, happy members of society also contribute to the PREVENT strategy.

- Children are encouraged to ask questions and to discuss issues that concern or affect them openly, throughout school, particularly in PSHE lessons. Through Secrets of Success assemblies and learning sessions children are taught to listen to each other, to be tolerant of other opinions. They are taught to respect the views of others and different cultures, beliefs and ways of life.
- Our children have opportunities to learn about and visit different places of worship to foster religious and cultural tolerance.
- Through our e-safety programme children are taught to question what they read on the internet and ways to keep themselves safe.
- Children know who they can trust in school and are encouraged to talk to an adult about things that worry or confuse them

### The PREVENT strategy and British values

Since 2014 schools have been actively promoting British values. British values include:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

For more information about British Values and how these are incorporated into school life please visit the British Values section of our website.

**Isn't my child too young to learn about extremism?**

Children of all ages hear and see things that they may worry, confuse or intrigue them. At Alderman Jacobs all discussions are carried out in a way that is appropriate for the age of the child. The PREVENT strategy is not just about discussing extremism itself but is also about teaching values such as tolerance and respect.

**Is extremism really a risk in our area?**

Extremism can take many forms. It can be linked to politics, religion, colour of skin, sexuality or nationality. Some of these may be a bigger threat here in Whittlesey than others and sometimes things happen 'behind closed doors' and we can be unaware. At Alderman Jacobs we aim to give our children the skills they need to protect them from any extremist views they may encounter, now or later in their lives.

*If you have any further questions please contact the School Office.*

**Useful Documents**

Prevent duty guidance

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/protecting-children-from-radicalisation-the-prevent-duty](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protecting-children-from-radicalisation-the-prevent-duty)

Frequently asked questions, Prevent For Schools

[www.preventforschools.org/?categoryid=3](http://www.preventforschools.org/?categoryid=3)

Information for Parents

<http://parentinfo.org/article/preventing-violent-extremism-what-parents-can-do>