Prevent in Education: A Portsmouth Perspective

What is the Prevent Strategy?
- Prevent represents one strand of the Government's counter-terrorist strategy known as CONTEST.
- Prevent aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.
- Since July 2015, schools and a range of other public bodies have a legal responsibility to give due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.
- This is known as the Prevent Duty as is part of a school's wider safeguarding role.
- The overall role of schools in safeguarding children is set out in the Government's statutory guidance 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'

What are your Prevent Strategy responsibilities?
- Ofsted's common inspection framework outlines how schools will be inspected.
- The DfE has also published guidance which gives advice to schools on how to meet this statutory need.

Prevent Education Officer in Portsmouth
- New post with effect from September 2017
- Dedicated to work with educational settings on the Prevent Duty
- Mobile role with statutory and bespoke training available

What support is on offer via the Prevent Education Officer?
- **Training**: for staff or sections of staff so that they are confident in their ability to understand, recognise and refer vulnerabilities that can lead to radicalisation
- **Curriculum**: design and mapping to create safe spaces for discussion on extremist narratives and allow challenge to sources of information; support on the implementation of British Values; support on establishing digital resilience
- **Outreach**: support and advice to specific individuals on safeguarding policies, current legislation and compliance with OFSTED requirements; risk assessing, auditing and action planning.
- **Signposting**: to classroom resources for teachers; websites and resources and contacts within the community.
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Best practice of the Prevent Strategy in Schools

- Effective leadership and management
- Robust safeguarding policies that include referral pathways
- Well trained and confident staff
- Relevant curriculum and embedding of British Values
- Confident and empowered pupils who think critically and are resilient to all forms of extremism

Suggested resources

- Educate Against Hate [www.educateagainsthate.com](http://www.educateagainsthate.com)
- Prevent Tragedies [http://www.preventtragedies.co.uk/](http://www.preventtragedies.co.uk/)
- Getting on Together [http://got.uk.net/](http://got.uk.net/)
- Let’s Talk About It [http://got.uk.net/](http://got.uk.net/)
- Parent Zone (Internet safety) [https://parentzone.org.uk/](https://parentzone.org.uk/)
- UK Safer Internet Centre [https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/)

Government published resources


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