



Mellor St Mary CE Primary School

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Mellor St Mary CE Primary RISK ASSESSMENT – EXTREMISM AND RADICALISATION

Location	Mellor St Mary CE Primary School	Assessment Number	3
Lead Officer	J. Embley-Peers	Distribution	To all Staff, Governors and families via school website.
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'Radicalisation' is defined as the process by which people come to support/promote extremism or terrorism or and in some cases, to then participate in terrorist activity.

'Extremism' is vocal or active opposition to fundamental British Values including Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty and Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those with different faiths or beliefs. This also includes calling for the death of our Armed Forces.

Since the publication of the 'Prevent Strategy', there has been an awareness of the specific need to safeguard children, young people and families from violent extremism. There have attempts to radicalise vulnerable children and young people to hold extreme views including views justifying political, religious, sexist or racist violence, or to steer them into a narrow and rigid ideology that is intolerant of diversity and leaves them vulnerable to future radicalisation.

Keeping children safe from these risks is a safeguarding matter and is approached in the same way as safeguarding children and young people from any other risks. Children and young people should be protected from messages of all violent extremism including but not restricted to eg those linked to extreme Islamist ideology or to Far Right/White Supremacist Ideology, Irish Nationalist and Loyalist Paramilitary groups and extremist Animal Rights groups.

'Prevent' in the context of counter terrorism is intervention before any criminal offence has been committed and is with the intention of preventing individuals or groups from committing crimes

No	Risk Title	Summary	Existing Controls	Actions Required	Owner	RAG
1	Leadership	i) Leaders within the organisation do not understand the requirements of the Prevent Statutory Duty or the risks faced by the organisation and the Duty is not managed or enabled at a sufficiently senior level	Regular training is in place for SLT, DSL and staff which includes Radicalization and Prevent within level 1 and level 2 safeguarding training. Nominated governors have completed prevent and cannel training.	Full Governing Board Prevent training to be delivered May 2027, May 2029	DSL/CoG	
		li) The organisation does not attach sufficient priority to Prevent Action plans (or does not have one) and therefore action to mitigate risks and meet the requirements of the Duty are not effective.	Prevent risk assessment and check list completed which supports the importance of Prevent on the school's agenda. Nominated Prevent Governor in place (safeguarding)	Action plan and check list to be presented to GB committee and full GB.	DSL / HT	
2	Staff Training and Awareness	i) Staff are not aware of the factors that make people vulnerable to radicalisation and terrorism and are unable to recognise the signs of vulnerability and therefore are unable or unwilling to refer concerns. ii) Leaders and staff feel unable or unwilling to challenge extremist narratives or exemplify British Values throughout the organisation. iii) Staff are unclear on how to deal with or refer concerns resulting in individuals not being supported and potentially radicalisation remaining unchecked	Staff have attended bespoke PREVENT training and relevant information disseminated through weekly briefings, staff meetings, in house training and outside provider training. Prevent training bi annually through Lancashire Prevent Partnership Officers 2019, 2021, 2023, 2025, 2027, 2029. Fundamental BV are taught weekly though Picture News class worship. All individuals in school – volunteers included are given a safeguarding induction booklet which outlines what to do if	Ensure all staff (those absent at last training) receive this as soon as possible on return to work. Next whole school training May 2025	DSL	

			concerned about radicalization of pupils in their care.			
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3	Partnerships	i) The organisation does not establish effective partnerships with organisations such as the Local Authority Prevent Coordinator and Education Officer, Police Prevent Team, DfE Regional Coordinator and others.	School has contact with the Local Prevent Education Officer and uses them for in house training on a b annual basis. Documentations given are shared to all those involved in school on a daily basis.	Further training and support needed for how to support pupils who have been affected – intervention support is needed although school would normally contact Education Officer for advice.	DSL / HT	
		ii) The result is that the organisation is not fully appraised of national and local risks and does not have access to developing good practice advice or supportive peer networks.	Head teacher report to governors states if any cases have occurred and 1:1 meetings with the safeguarding governor are held.	Further information for GB on National Governor Hub, additional updates disseminated through 7 minute briefing annually.		
4	Visiting Speakers	i) Young people are exposed to messages supportive of extremism or terrorism which contradicts British Values because the organisation has ineffective processes in the place for vetting contractors or external speakers .	All processes for vetting and barring in place and all school bursar or HT checks all DBS records and documentation. Contractors used for site maintenance are LA/ Diocesan approved and documentation recorded. Visiting speakers are not left alone with children.	Continue to maintain stringent checks on visitors, contractors and lettings.	HT/SBM	
		ii) Inappropriate or extremist materials are shared with young people (face to face or via weblinks) because insufficient checks are made of external	All materials and background checks are completed on visitors. Web filters are in place and monitored regularly by Deputy DSL.			

		speakers and materials that they promote or share. iii) The organisations premises are used to host events supportive of extremism or which popularise hatred and intolerance of those with particular protected characteristics	All materials or adverts have to be approved by HT before being sent out to families. Lettings and charging agreement in place (reviewed by GB annually) and all clubs wanting to hire the school complete agreements prior to any lettings taking place. Reference must be provided upon request and safeguarding policies and procedure presented prior to hire.			
5	British Values in the Curriculum	i) The organisation does not have a culture and ethos where British Values are celebrated, which leads to a culture of disrespect and intolerance and where tensions are allowed to flourish. ii) Staff and young people do not understand British Values (or feel confident about) and extremist views and narratives are allowed to flourish unchallenged	Fundamental British Values are displayed and are used as part of weekly worship in classes at an age appropriate level. Displays in school and classrooms link to the 4 themes as does school council. FBV are central to school worship/assemblies alongside the core Christian values being covered on termly basis (see worship plans)	Further promotion of the 4 values is needed on a regular basis with visual and well as verbal reminders for KS1 and EYFS. Links are made in the curriculum overview but these need to be made apparent when teaching topics. Ks2 curriculum overview still needs FBV links to be explicit.	SLT	
6	Welfare and Pastoral Support	i) The organisation does not provide effective welfare and pastoral support which results in young people (and staff) being unsupported and the risk of vulnerabilities being exploited.	The DSL along with all staff in school on a regular basis provide pastoral support to individuals. There is an open door culture for children who need to speak privately to members of staff and	Ensure that supply teachers are familiar with school protocols – if new to school.		

		ii) Staff or other contracted providers (regular supply or agency staff) are not aware of the organisation's procedure for handling concerns and do not feel comfortable sharing information internally iii) Young people are radicalised by factors internal or external to the school	these conversations are recorded following safeguarding protocols. Long term supply cover staff are familiar with all school safeguarding protocols which includes Prevent. Children are protected from radicalization to the best of the school's ability as no incidents have been highlighted or recorded since Prevent Duty introduced.			
7	Online Safeguarding	i) Extremist organisations are able to radicalise young people online via the organisation's network and encourage them to commit acts of violence or incite others to commit acts of violence as 'lone actors'.	School's online policy, including digital technologies and social media policies/ information are shared with all staff, families and pupils via school website. Pupils sign an online safety agreement at the start of each key	Ensure that filtering checks are completed regularly for new terminology and social media site.		

		ii) Young people (and staff) are able to access unlawful radicalising material in the organisation's setting which promotes proscribed terrorist groups. iii) Online social media communications feature the organisation's branding	stage which clearly states what is acceptable usage in school. School uses SOPHOS filtering system which is checked on a live basis for key search words and banned content. This is recorded and reported to DDSL and GB as when necessary. School does not have an online social media account and social media sites are banned through the filtering system in school.			
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8	Campus Security	i) The organisation does not have sufficient security of it's premises and young people are targeted by individuals or groups seeking to share their extremist views or endanger their personal safety. ii) Charities are allowed on campus without effective checks or charitable collections are inadvertently diverted to inappropriate or unlawful causes. iii) On site dangerous or hazardous substances are not kept secure and are allowed into the possession of individuals or groups seeking to use them unlawfully.	All doors are locked internally through (snecks) when in use during the day. External gates are locked except for the main entrance and all staff are responsible for children when outside of the classroom. External fencing has been replaced with more appropriate security arrangements. Entrance in to school is past the main office and this door is coded. Charities/ collection for charities are only in agreement with the HT. DBS checks are completed. All COSHH substances are held securely and away for pupils, staff and visitors.			
9	Prayer and Faith Facilities	i) Requirements of young people (or staff) requiring faith support or the use of facilities are not met by the organisation resulting in individuals seeking external support of unknown suitability.	As a CE school, the main faith of staff is Christian. At present there are no staff members of different faiths and therefore no need for additional worshiping areas. Other faiths are celebrated and learnt about in accordance to the NC2014.	Prayer spaces within individual classroom areas are present and to be used for those of other faiths if/when needed.		

		ii) Facilities (either prayer rooms or quiet space type facilities) provided are not effectively managed or supervised and become ungoverned spaces where radicalising, inappropriate or dangerous activities can take place.	All prayer areas are in classrooms and are supervised through teaching and support staff. There is no separate prayer room within school.			
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