



ElmsBank

Prevent Duty Policy

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| <p>Elms Bank</p> <p>Elms Bank is a secondary special school based in Bury, Greater Manchester. All our pupils have an Education, Health and Care Plan. Our age-range is from 11 to 19.</p> | |
| <p>School main site:</p> <p>Elms Bank Ripon Avenue Whitefield M45 8PJ</p> | <p>College site:</p> <p>Elms Bank College Bury Old Rd Prestwich M25 1JH</p> |
| <p>The Headteacher who has the ultimate responsibility for safeguarding is: Orienne Langley-Sadler In her absence, the authorised members of staff are:</p> | |
| <p>Main site, Fairfield Internship, Unsworth Community Centre and College: Rebecca Carney – Senior Deputy DSL Alison Morrell – Deputy Headteacher Katie Cass – Deputy Headteacher Dave Herbert – SENCO/ Assistant Headteacher Emma Farnworth – Assistant Headteacher Nicola Pemberton – Assistant Headteacher</p> <p>Additional for main site: Sarah Barrett – Pastoral Lead Tara Mycock – Pastoral Lead Ellie Summers – Pastoral Lead Helen Ashwell – School Nurse</p> | <p>Additional for College, Unsworth Community Centre & Fairfield Internship: Jordan Harrop – Pastoral Lead Claire Dempsey – Pastoral Lead Lisa Gray – School Nurse Rachel Rose – Instructor Sam Bradford – Instructor Liz McNabb – Community Engagement Officer</p> <p>Additional for Extended Services: Tim Ashworth – Pastoral Support Angela Manfredi – Pastoral Support</p> |

Purpose of the Policy

Elms Bank recognises that pupils can be vulnerable to extremist ideology and radicalisation, and we are committed to protecting pupils from this risk as part of our safeguarding responsibilities.

Our commitment to safeguarding pupils against extremism, radicalisation and terrorism includes interventions and collaboration with other agencies including the police and the LA where appropriate and as required.

We support and will adhere to guidance from the DfE which requires schools to actively promote fundamental British values in order to enable pupils to challenge extremist views and ensure that pupils are encouraged to regard people of all faiths, races and cultures with respect and tolerance.

This policy relates to the potential radicalisation of pupils at our school

Introduction

1. Legal framework

This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Children Act 1989
- Education Act 1996
- Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015
- Childcare Act 2006
- Data Protection Act 2018
- UK GDPR

This policy also has due regard to statutory and non-statutory departmental advice, including, but not limited to, the following:

- DfE (2015) 'The Prevent duty'
- HM Government (2021) 'Revised Prevent Duty Guidance: for England and Wales'
- DfE (2021) 'Keeping children safe in education 2021' (KCSIE)
- DfE (2018) 'Working Together to Safeguard Children'
- Home Office (2021) 'Channel Duty guidance: protecting people vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism'

This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies and documents:

- Safeguarding Policy and Child Protection

- Radicalisation Risk Checklist (see appendix A)
- Data Protection Policy
- Online Safety Policy

2. **Definitions**

For the purpose of this policy:

Extremism – is defined as vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and the mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. This includes calling for the death of members of the armed forces.

Radicalisation – is defined as the process by which an individual or group comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies associated with terrorist groups.

Terrorism – is defined as violent threats or actions designed to influence government or intimidate the public with the purpose of advancing a political, religious or ideological cause. This includes endangering or causing serious violence to a person or people, serious damage to property, and seriously interfering or disrupting an electronic system.

3. **Roles and responsibilities**

The headteacher Orienne Langley-Sadler is responsible for:

- The overall implementation and management of this policy.
- Ensuring every staff member is familiar with the scope of this policy.
- Ensuring pupils are taught about British values through the curriculum.
- Ensuring the school is a safe space in which pupils can understand and discuss sensitive topics, including terrorism and extremism, and are able to challenge these ideas.
- Undertaking risk assessments to determine whether pupils are at risk of being drawn into terrorism.
- Identifying extremist risks in the local area.
- Ensuring any visitors and speakers at the school are appropriate and vetted prior to them having access to pupils.

The DSL (Orienne Langley-Sadler - Headteacher), Strategic Lead for Safeguarding (Rebecca Carney - Safeguarding Officer) and any deputies, are responsible for:

- Identifying a lead person for Prevent: this is Rebecca Carney
- Handling any referrals to the Channel programme and supporting staff who make referrals to Channel.

- Following up any referrals made to the Channel programme.
- Provide advice and support to staff on protecting pupils from the risk of radicalisation.
- Delivering staff training on the Prevent duty.
- Working with external agencies to support pupils at risk of being drawn into terrorism.
- Providing guidance to other staff members to help them support pupils at risk of being drawn into terrorism.
- Understanding local procedures for making a Prevent referral and making Prevent referrals where appropriate.
- Considering if it would be appropriate to share any information with a new school or college in advance of a pupil leaving, e.g. if the pupil is currently receiving support through the 'Channel' programme and the information would allow the new setting to have support in place for when the pupil arrives.

All staff members are responsible for:

- Being alert to the risk factors of extremism and radicalisation and any changes in a pupil's behaviour which could indicate that they may be in need of help or protection.
- Raising any concerns with the DSL (or any deputies, in their absence).
- Notifying the DSL (or any deputies, in their absence) when they make any referrals to the Channel programme.
- Engaging in staff training on the Prevent duty.
- Using their professional judgement to identify pupils who may be at risk of radicalisation and acting proportionately.

4. Safeguarding from extremism

The school protects the right to freedom of expression. This policy is not intended or designed to restrict or prevent legitimate and lawful congregation or debate.

The DSL deals with any incidents of extremism and/or terrorism within our school community. As is the school's responsibility under law, we will do our utmost to safeguard our pupils from being drawn into extremism and terrorism.

The school has strong relationships with our local safeguarding partners (Bury Council, Bury CCG & Police), and will involve them at the earliest opportunity if safeguarding issues arise.

The school encourages any pupil, parent, staff member or member of the wider school community to speak to the DSL if they have concerns about:

- Pupils becoming radicalised.
- Groups, clubs or societies with extremist or radical views.
- Friends and/or families of pupils becoming radicalised or involved in extremism.
- Pupils planning to visit known areas of conflict.

- Members of the school and wider community attempting to draw young and/or vulnerable pupils into extremism.

Visitors and speakers coming into the school will be vetted prior to them having access to pupils. All materials handed out to pupils, whether by teachers or visitors and speakers, will be checked by a member of SLT who are all trained to DSL level.

Extended services are overseen by Pastoral Support Workers who are trained to DSL level.

5. **'Channel' and 'Prevent'**

Channel, a key element of the Home Office's Prevent strategy, is a multi-agency approach to protect people at risk from radicalisation. The school will work with the LA, local Police, and religious and community leaders, to identify children vulnerable to radicalisation and to challenge extremism if it arises. This includes identifying pupils to whom any of the following criteria applies:

- Displaying feelings of grievance and injustice
- Feeling under threat
- Searching for identity, meaning and belonging
- Displaying a desire for status amongst their peers
- Displaying a desire for excitement and adventure
- Displaying a need to dominate and control others
- Displaying a susceptibility to indoctrination
- Displaying a radical desire for political or moral change
- Appearing susceptible to opportunistic involvement
- Having family or friends involved in extremism
- Appearing susceptible to being influenced or controlled by a group
- Displaying relevant mental health issues

The school will cooperate with local panels involved in the Channel process. A DSL/DDSL will attend meetings as required to aid the mitigation of identified risk and vulnerabilities. This includes contributing towards the support plan and sharing information necessary and proportionate to the effective working of the panel.

6. **Preventing radicalisation**

The school will assess the risk of pupils being drawn into terrorism through identifying the factors that affect children in the local area and knowing how to identify those at risk. All

staff have received training on Prevent and have read KCSIE 2021 Part One and Annex B, as well as having an annual safeguarding update which includes the signs and risk factors for children vulnerable to radicalisation.

Allegations and concerns of radicalisation and/or terrorism will always be taken seriously and staff will act proportionately, which may include making a Prevent referral.

Where appropriate, pupils will be helped to address the factors which have made them vulnerable to radicalisation through multi-disciplinary work and support to engage in meaningful activities.

Extremist propaganda is widely available online – the school will ensure that British values are promoted regularly to encourage pupils to develop an appreciation of society. The school recognises that pupils' parents and families may be best-placed to spot signs of radicalisation and, as such, will promote effective engagement with parents and families.

All internet activity that takes place on site will be recorded, as well as activity on any school-owned computers, laptops and tablets off site, and appropriate filters will be installed to protect children from terrorist and extremist material online, in accordance with the Online Safety Policy. In accordance with KCSIE and our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, pupils will be taught about the importance of staying safe online through PSHE lessons.

We will always aim to integrate and engage every child within the school community, and in the wider community. A range of different religious and cultural festivals will be celebrated across the year giving every pupil the opportunity to take part.

The school will monitor and assess incidents which suggest pupils are engaging, or are at risk of engaging, in extremist activity and/or radicalisation. Where a pupil has been identified as at risk of radicalisation, the school will take action proportionate to the incident or risk.

7. Making a judgement

Although extremist behaviour can be presented in many forms, the school recognises the following as potential indicators of radicalisation or a susceptibility to radicalisation:

- Disclosure about extremist or radicalised behaviour by pupils – this could include exposure to materials outside of school
- Use of specific terms associated with certain ideological views, e.g. 'hate' language
- Intelligence reports from local and national agencies regarding the radicalisation of groups of people in the local area
- Focus on specific narratives that highlight particular extremist views
- Evidence of accessing online materials that include extremist materials
- Refusal to accept views expressed by others which is counter to the school's values

- Documented concerns raised by parents or family members about the changing behaviour of the pupil
- References to an extremist narrative in the pupil's work
- Disassociation from existing friendship groups
- A loss of interest in activities in which they previously engaged
- Behavioural characteristics, such as low self-esteem, isolation, and perceptions of failure and injustice
- Family tensions
- Events affecting their country or region of origin
- Alienation from UK values
- Grievance triggered by personal experience of discrimination
- Property damage
- Refusal to cooperate with the requests of teachers or other adults

When assessing whether a pupil is at risk of radicalisation, staff will ask themselves the following questions:

- Does the pupil have access to extremist influences through the internet?
- Does the pupil possess or actively seek extremist material?
- Does the pupil sympathise with, or support, extremist groups or behaviour in their speech or written work?
- Does the pupil's demeanour suggest a new social, religious or political influence, e.g. through jewellery or clothing?
- Has the pupil previously been a victim of discrimination or a religious crime?
- Has the pupil experienced any major disagreements with their peers, family or faith groups, leading to rejection, isolation or exclusion?
- Does the pupil display an irregular and distorted view of religion or politics?
- Does the pupil display a strong objection towards specific cultures, faiths or race?
- Is the pupil a foreign national awaiting a decision regarding deportation or immigration?

- Is there an irregular pattern of travel within the pupil's family?
- Has the pupil witnessed or suffered from trauma or violence in a war zone or through sectarian conflict?
- Is there evidence of a relative or family friend displaying extremist views?
- Has the pupil travelled for extended periods of time to international locations?
- Does the pupil have experience of poverty, disadvantage, discrimination or social exclusion?
- Does the pupil display a lack of affinity or understanding for others?
- Is the pupil a victim of social isolation?
- Does the pupil have insecure, conflicted or absent family relationships?

Critical indicators include where a pupil is:

- In contact with extremist recruiters.
- Articulating support for extremist causes or leaders.
- Accessing extremist websites.
- In possession of extremist literature.
- Using extremist narratives and a global ideology to explain personal disadvantage.
- Justifying the use of violence to solve societal issues.
- Joining extremist organisations.
- Making significant changes to their appearance and/or behaviour.

The DSL, and any deputies undertake Prevent awareness training in order to provide advice and support to staff on protecting pupils from the risk of radicalisation. Staff will be briefed by a DSL, in order to ensure that they are up-to-date to recognise indicators of radicalisation. Staff, including the DSL and any deputies, will also undergo training in response to any updates.

The school will encourage staff to engage with online government resources, including the website Educate Against Hate, and the Prevent e-learning modules provided by the Home Office.

8. Making a referral

The Department for Education has dedicated a telephone helpline (020 7340 7264) to enable staff and governors to raise concerns relating to extremism directly. Concerns can also be raised by email to counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk. Please note that the helpline is not intended for use in emergency situations, such as a child being at immediate risk of harm or a security incident, in which case the normal emergency procedures should be followed.

In accordance with the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, if any member of staff has any concerns about a pupil, they will raise this with the DSL.

Parents will be contacted to discuss the issue and investigate where there are any mitigating home circumstances, unless doing so would put the pupil at further risk of harm. A decision will be made at this meeting to determine whether a referral should be made to the Channel programme. In most cases, the DSL will refer the case to the Channel programme where there is a radicalisation concern, as appropriate. The DSL/deputies may use the checklist in Appendix A to gather information and support decision making.

Staff members may make referrals to the Channel programme if they deem it necessary – the DSL will be notified in all cases and will support staff members who do so. Staff members will be informed that they may be asked to attend a Channel panel to discuss the pupil who has been referred to determine whether support is required. The LA's Channel panel will decide which support, if any, is required and arrange for this support to be implemented.

The DSL will follow up any referrals and the pupil will be monitored for a period of time to determine whether there have been any changes in behaviour. Parents will be consulted during this period, unless doing so would put the pupil at further risk of harm.

If any concerns are raised, the DSL will contact the Channel programme to discuss further steps. The DSL will also consider if a referral to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) is required to safeguard the young person.

The DSL will record and retain all incidents for school records in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK GDPR, as outlined in the Data Protection Policy.

If you're concerned about someone in your community please contact your local police force by dialling 101 and ask for the PREVENT team, or if you require urgent police assistance dial 999.

The Counter Terrorism North West Officer for Bury is Darren Howarth darren.howarth@gmp.police.uk mobile number: 07827979113.

Channel:

Channel is a voluntary, confidential support programme which focuses on providing support at an early stage to people who are identified as being vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism. Prevent referrals may be passed to a multi-agency Channel panel, which will discuss the individual referred to determine whether they are vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism and consider the appropriate support required. A representative from the school or

college may be asked to attend the Channel panel to help with this assessment. An individual's engagement with the programme is entirely voluntary at all stages.

Key contacts:

Counter Terrorism North West Officer – Darren Howarth

Darren.howarth@gmp.police.uk Contact number: 07827979113

Channel helpline: 020 7340 7264

Referrals to Channel

You do not need the consent of the subject to make a referral - consent will be sought by the Channel Team before being adopted by Channel.

childwellbeing@bury.gov.uk (for children) OR

adultcareservices@bury.gov.uk (for adults) **AND**

channel.project@gmp.police.uk **AND**

gmchannel@manchester.gov.uk

9. Promoting fundamental British values

Through the national curriculum, the school will:

- Teach our pupils a broad and balanced international history.
- Represent the cultures of all of our pupils.
- Teach a wide range of English and non-English literature.
- Commemorate World War 1 and 2.
- Discuss the UK's relations with the rest of Europe, the Commonwealth and the wider world.

Through our social, moral, spiritual and cultural programme, the school will:

- Enable pupils to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence.
- Enable pupils to distinguish right from wrong and to respect the civil and criminal law of England.
- Encourage pupils to accept responsibility for their behaviour, show initiative, and to understand how they can contribute positively to the lives of those living and working in the locality of the school and to society more widely.

- Enable pupils to acquire a broad general knowledge of, and respect for, public institutions and services in England.
- Further tolerance and harmony between different cultural traditions by enabling pupils to acquire an appreciation of, and respect for, their own and other cultures.
- Encourage respect for other people.
- Encourage respect for democracy and support for participation in the democratic processes, including respect for the basis on which the law is made and applied in England.

The school will do this by:

- Including material on the strengths, advantages and disadvantages of democracy, and how democracy and the law work in Britain as part of our curriculum.
- Ensuring that all pupils within the school have a voice that is listened to, e.g. by demonstrating how democracy works via a school council whose members are voted for by the pupils.
- Using opportunities such as general or local elections to hold mock elections to offer pupils the chance to engage in politics from an early age.
- Offering a debate club to provide pupils with the opportunity to learn how to argue and defend points of view.
- Using teaching resources from a wide variety of sources to help pupils understand a range of faiths.
- Considering the role of extra-curricular activities, including any activity run directly by pupils, in promoting fundamental British values.

10. **Community links**

The school will engage in annual community round-table discussions with local community and religious leaders, and local law enforcement. Governing board meetings will include discussion about extremism and terrorism where appropriate.

The school will operate an open-door policy for community members to report concerns.

The school will, where appropriate, partake in community festivals, religious celebrations and other events. The school will select a range of charities to support across the year which represent our school community, including local community groups.

11. **Monitoring and review**

This policy is reviewed annually by the Strategic Lead for Safeguarding and the headteacher. The next scheduled review date for this policy is 01.10.21.

PREVENT-THE RISK INDICATOR CHECKLIST

The risk of radicalisation is the product of a number of factors. There is no definitive list but these are the researched and known about vulnerabilities, critical factors and indicators. All or none may be present in individual cases of concern. Nor does it mean that vulnerable children/YP’s experiencing these factors are automatically at risk of exploitation for the purposes of extremism.

This checklist applies to all age groups and you may have concerns about parents/carers which are impacting on the child/ren in school or college shown through their experiences, behaviours and influences.

The checklist will help you and the other agencies decide:

- Whether there is a risk
- What level or risk
- A pathway to support and intervention
- Provide the model for assessment and management

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| Name of Child/Young Person | |
| DOB | |
| Year Group | Pathway |

Vulnerabilities to Extremism:

| | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| • Is in adolescence | | |
| • Has experience of poverty, disadvantage, discrimination, social exclusion | | |
| • Has low self- esteem, a poor or no sense of belonging, | | |
| • Has Insecure , absent, conflicted family tensions or absent family relationships | | |
| • Has a significant adult or others in the child's/Yp's life who appears to have extremist view or sympathies | | |
| • Demonstrates a lack of affinity, understanding for others | | |
| • Is dissociating from peers | | |
| • Is socially isolated from peers | | |
| • Demonstrates identity conflict and confusion | | |
| • Demonstrates distance from cultural/religious heritage and uncomfortable with their place in society | | |
| • Has any learning difficulties /communication and or mental health support needs | | |
| • Has a simplistic or flawed understanding of region or politics | | |
| • Has experienced trauma in their lives, especially associated with war or sectarian conflict | | |
| • Experienced migration, been subject to local community tensions, has a sense of grievance triggered by personal experience racism, discrimination, affected by government policy | | |
| • Has unmet aspirations, perceptions of injustice, feeling of failure , rejection of civil life | | |
| • Experiences of imprisonment, poor resettlement/reintegration, previous involvement in criminal groups | | |

Critical risk factors:

| High | Yes | No |
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| Travel | | |
| • Is there a pattern of regular or extended travel within UK with other evidence to suggest this is for extremist activity | | |
| • Unexplained, vague, unauthorised extended breaks/travel outside of the UK to locations associated with extremist activity | | |
| • Is there a pattern of travel to locations outside of the UK associated with extremism activity | | |

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| • The use of any methods to disguise identity, documents or cover to support this | | |
| • Connexions with extremist military camps/locations | | |

| High | Yes | No |
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| Experiences, Behaviours and influences | | |
| • Use of language seen to be inappropriate (e.g. causing distress or alarm and perceived to be prejudiced, inflammatory, or hateful). | | |
| • Have international events in areas of conflict and civil unrest had an noticeable impact resulting in a change in behaviour (note it is common to have an emotional reaction to world events but this has to be seen in context of other factors listed) | | |
| • Being in contact with extremist recruiters | | |
| • Expression of extreme views and ideology | | |
| • Possession of extremist literature. | | |
| • Using extremist narratives and a global ideology to explain personal disadvantage | | |
| • Advocating violent actions and means, supporting terrorist attacks verbally or in written work | | |
| • Seeking to recruit others to an extremist ideology | | |

| | Yes | No |
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| Access to Extremism/Extremist influences | | |
| • Changes in faith/ideology. | | |
| • Sudden name change linked to a different faith/ideology. | | |
| • Significant changes in appearance. | | |
| • Secrecy on the internet & access to websites with a social networking element. | | |
| • Narrow/limited religious or political view. | | |
| • Attendance at certain meetings e.g. rallies and articulating support for groups with links to extremist activity but not illegal/illicit eg fundraising, propaganda distribution, attendance at meetings. | | |
| • “Them” and “us” language/rhetoric. | | |
| • Justifying the use of violence to solve societal issues. | | |

Name of worker completing the Checklist:

Role:

Date & Time record made :

Date & Time Record Submitted/Actions taken and by whom.

Signed:

Appendix B

Useful links:

[Educate Against Hate](#)

[DfE Guidance: Prevent 2015](#)

[Bury Council Prevent Information](#)

[Bury MASH team](#)