



Safeguarding Information for Parents



Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

An elected member working group recently considered CSE issues and felt that there still needed to be more awareness raising with parents of the dangers.

Parents Against Child Exploitation (PACE) and the Virtual College teamed up to provide a short, free online course entitled 'Keep Them Safe: Protecting Children from CSE' designed to equip parents and carers with the knowledge to protect children against sexual exploitation.

Details are available via the following link: <https://www.virtual-college.co.uk/resources/free-courses>

Operation Encompass

Our school is part of a national initiative, which is run between Schools and the Police. The project called Operation Encompass, has been designed to provide early reporting of any domestic violence incidents that occur outside school, which might have an impact on a child in school. This is done through a notification to school following an incident.

The project ensures that at least one member of the school staff, known as the Key Adult, is trained to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence. In this way, we aim to support each child who has been involved in, or witnessed, a domestic abuse incident.

The sharing of information from the Police allows the school to be ready to help your child straight away, and it means that parents are aware that Mr Davies/Mr Murphy (Safeguarding Leads) know that something has happened.

The PREVENT Strategy

Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes. The Prevent Strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including the extreme right wing, violent Islamist groups and other causes.

How does the Prevent Strategy apply to schools?

From July 2015, all schools have a duty to safeguard children and young people from radicalisation and extremism. This means we have a responsibility to protect our students from extremist and violent views. Importantly, we aim to provide a safe place for students to discuss these issues, if required, so they better understand how to protect themselves.

What does this mean in practice?

Many of these things we already do in school to help students become positive, happy members of society also contribute to the Prevent Strategy. These include: Exploring other cultures, religions and promoting diversity; Challenging prejudices and racists comments; Developing critical thinking skills and a strong, positive self-identity; Promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of students, as well as British values such as democracy. Staff being aware of the vulnerable pupils within their cohort. We also aim to protect students from the risk of radicalisation, for example, using filters on the internet to make sure they can't access extremist and terrorist material, or by vetting visitors who come into school to work with students.

Please see the link below for more information:

[Taking action and protecting our children against radicalisation and extremism](#)