

Prevent Strategy

Adopted by: Larkwood LGB

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Introduction

As part of Larkwood Primary Academy's commitment to safeguarding and child protection we fully support the Government's 'Prevent Strategy' and take guidance from the DFE's 'Teaching Approaches' document to help build resilience to extremism. We are aware and fully committed to the on-going protection and safety of our pupils, staff and wider community in accordance with DFE guidance, 'Working together to Safeguard Children' (2016) and 'Keeping Children safe in Education' (2016). An integral part of that work relates to the government's PREVENT strategy and the duties it places on academic institutions. Larkwood Primary School is working with a range of external agencies including the London Borough of Waltham Forest Council Community Safety Team. Sean Thomson, the Citizenship and Cohesion Advisor for LBWF can be contacted on:
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Aims and objectives

The Prevent strategy is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. The strategy:

- responds to the ideological challenge we face from terrorism and aspects of extremism, and the threat we face from those who promote these views
- provides practical help to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure they are given appropriate advice and support
- works with a wide range of sectors (including education, criminal justice, faith, charities, online and health)
- encourages and equips our pupils to approach challenges in 'critical thinking' way
- equips children with a balanced approach to extremism and radicalisation
- supports our pupils to have a healthy identity and sense of belonging
- equips young people with the skills to challenge divisive narratives

Larkwood Primary Academy and the Prevent Strategy

Our school is committed to providing a secure environment for pupils, where children feel safe and are kept safe. All adults in our school recognise that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility irrespective of the role they undertake or whether their role has direct contact or responsibility for children or not.

Staff will be alert to issues including:

- Disclosure by pupils of their exposure to the extremist actions, views or materials of others outside school, such as in their homes or community groups
- Graffiti symbols, writing or art work promoting extremist messages or images
- Pupils accessing extremist material online, including through social networking sites
- Parental reports of changes in behaviour, friendship or actions and requests for assistance
- Use of extremist or 'hate' terms to exclude others or incite violence
- Intolerance of difference, whether secular or religious or, in line with our equalities policy, views based on, but not exclusive to, gender, disability, homophobia, race colour or culture

This Prevent Strategy is to be used in conjunction with the Larkwood Primary Academy Safeguarding Policy and ICT Policy which can be found on the school website: www.larkwood.lime.london
We recognise the need to involve parents as key stakeholders in the process of safeguarding and the school, as part of its safeguarding protocol, works closely with the London Borough of Waltham Forest MASH team with regards to safeguarding children and adults.

The Larkswood Primary Academy premises is a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) school with facilities management provided by Kier with a Site Service Officer on site at all times. The school has fixed opening and closing times.

All participation within the school building is school lead and managed thus ensuring that a stringent code of conduct is followed by all members of staff.

Please click here for a link to the official government document:

The Prevent Duty: Government departmental advice for schools and childcare advisors:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/439598/prevent-duty-departmental-advice-v6.pdf

The Department for Education has a dedicated telephone helpline (0207 340 7264) to enable staff and governors to raise concerns relating to extremism directly.

Safeguarding:

You can find further information about safeguarding children in the school's Safeguarding Policy on the school website. Please follow this link to access the policy: www.larkswoodlime.london and choose the policies section.

Training and Staff Development

By continually developing our leadership and accountability practices, staff training opportunities and (primarily the Home Office developed WRAP training), referral systems and management of those referrals, we strive to demonstrate a pro-active and diligent approach to this aspect of our responsibilities as educators and safe-guarders.

Aligned with consistent delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum and use of the Local Authority – approved Self-Assessment framework, we strive to protect our students – and the wider community - against the threats of extremism, through the promotion of both fundamental values and cohesion amongst our communities.

We also recognise that further information and support is available from the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub, (0208 496 2310), the Local Authority's Community Safety Team (0208 496 3000) and the PREVENT Education Officer: sean.thomson@walthamforest.gov.uk (0208 496 3447)

The self assessment framework referenced in this policy can also be found on the Waltham Forest Education Network The Hub, using the following link:

<https://thehub.walthamforest.gov.uk/policy/schools/safeguarding/digital-resilience-package>