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Bridekirk Dovenby School is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all its pupils. Every member of staff recognises that safeguarding against radicalisation and extremism is no different to safeguarding against any other vulnerability in today's society.

At Bridekirk Dovenby School we promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development of all our pupils. Our curriculum promotes the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and the mutual respect and understanding of those with different faith and beliefs.

Children are regularly taught about how to stay safe through our online safety curriculum, computing curriculum, PSHE and worships and daily interactions. When using the internet, pupils are encouraged to recognise that people are not always who they say they are online. They are taught to seek adult help if they are upset or concerned about anything they read or see on the internet.

Through worships, themed days and the wider curriculum we prepare them for potential risk. As with other online risks of harm, teachers need to be aware of the risks posed by the online activity of extremist and terrorist groups and ensure children are aware and safe from this, when accessing the internet in school.

Our curriculum is broad and balanced; it promotes respect, tolerance and diversity. Children are encouraged to share their views and recognise that they are entitled to have their own different beliefs which should not be used to influence others.

We follow the Jigsaw PSHE scheme of work and this provision is embedded across the curriculum and underpins the ethos of our school. It is recognised that children with SEND or low aspirations and self-esteem are more vulnerable to radicalisation and therefore we strive to equip our pupils with confidence, self-belief, respect and tolerance as well as setting high standards and expectations for themselves.

Our school is committed to prevention and strategies and procedures that protect vulnerable individuals from being radicalised or exposed to extremist views.
If we identifying a pupil who is or may be at risk, advice will be sought from Cumbria Police (dial 101) or in an emergency/immediate threat or risk (dial 999)
Cumbria's Prevent Officer is: Ross Woods (ross.woods@cumbria.police.uk)

https://www.cumbria.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/t/prevent/prevent/

Referral forms or email with full details are sent to: prevent@cumbria.police.uk

The aims of our good practice Prevent statement is to ensure that staff are fully engaged in being vigilant about radicalisation; that they overcome professional disbelief that such issues will happen here and ensure that we work alongside other professional bodies and agencies to ensure that our pupils are safe from harm.

The Designated Safeguarding Leads/Safeguarding Team in this school are:

Mrs. Julia E. Fish (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
Mrs. Fiona Taylor (Deputy Safeguarding Lead)
Miss. Kerry Marr (OOSC Safeguarding Lead
Mrs. Rose Rowlands (Safeguarding Governor)

All staff/governors at Bridekirk Dovenby School have completed
The Prevent, Channel Basic Awareness Training or National College Basic Training

Links to other policies:

This Prevent statement and leaflet links to the following policies at Bridekirk School**;**

- Child Protection Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Equality Policy
- Internet Safety Policy
- Safer Recruitment Policy
- Staff Code of Conduct

The following national guidelines relate to this statement:

- PREVENT Strategy HM Government (2011)
- Prevent Duty Guidance for England & Wales
- UK Government Contest Strategy 2023
- The Prevent duty: safeguarding learners vulnerable to radicalisation (Sep 23)
- Working Together to Safeguard Children, HM Government (Dec 2023)
- Keeping Children Safe in Education, DfE (2023)