Prevent Duty Statement for Auckley Primary Academy.

Auckley Primary Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all pupils. Preventing radicalisation is part of our wider safeguarding duty, and we recognise that schools play a significant role in protecting children from this form of harm.

We understand that children and young people can be vulnerable to extremist influences, particularly through online content. The internet has become a major factor in radicalisation and recruitment, and therefore online safety education and effective filtering systems are a key part of our approach.

Our Approach to Preventing Radicalisation

At Auckley Primary Academy, we meet our responsibilities under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 by:

- Providing education through our PSHE/RSHE curriculum that develops resilience, critical thinking skills and respectful discussion
- Actively promoting British Values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs
- Creating a safe, inclusive environment where pupils feel confident to express concerns and challenge ideas respectfully
- Educating pupils about online safety, including recognising harmful or extremist content
- Ensuring staff receive appropriate safeguarding and Prevent training
- Maintaining safe and effective internet filtering and monitoring systems

Understanding Extremism and Radicalisation

We recognise that extremism spans many topics, including misogynistic ideologies such as incel culture. Incel (short for *"involuntary celibate"*) refers to an online subculture often characterised by resentment, misogyny, self-pity, hostility towards women, and in some cases the endorsement of violence.

We are also aware that right-wing extremism is the most common form of extremism locally in Wakefield, and this context informs our safeguarding awareness and staff training.

For clarity:

- Extremism is vocal or active opposition to fundamental British Values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. This includes calls for violence against others, including members of the armed forces.
- Radicalisation refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism or extremist ideologies that seek to intimidate the public or influence government.

- Terrorism is an action or threat designed to influence the government or intimidate the public for political, religious or ideological purposes, which may involve serious violence, damage to property, or disruption of electronic systems.

Safeguarding, Support and Reporting

As with all forms of abuse, staff are trained to identify pupils who may be vulnerable to radicalisation and to act proportionately. Concerns are reported in line with the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) team is appropriately trained to provide advice and support to staff and to work with external partners where necessary. This may include liaison with the Prevent Police Officer or referral to the Channel Panel, a voluntary and confidential support programme for individuals considered vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism.

Useful Resources

- Educate Against Hate – government-approved resources to support pupils, staff and parents
- Prevent in Wakefield – local information and guidance on preventing radicalisation and extremism

We believe that early education, open discussion, and strong safeguarding systems are key to keeping children safe and helping them grow into informed, respectful and resilient members of society.