

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

IS EXTREMISM REALLY A RISK IN OUR AREA?

Yes: the internet reaches everywhere. Extremism can take many forms, including political or religious extremism. Extreme views are often promoted online and although our E-safety teaching repeatedly shows children the dangers of talking to people whom they do not know. In real life extreme views are often spread gradually through online chat, which at first appears harmless and friendly. Such forums can be very attractive to children whose self-esteem is not high as they can be easily groomed to believe that are talking to similarly aged children, who may in fact, be adults with a variety of dangerous motives for befriending children. These motives may include sexual predation or the spreading of an extremist viewpoint. We will teach children ways to keep safe online and to protect them from any extremist views they may encounter, now or later in their lives.

HOW DOES PREVENT RELATE TO BRITISH VALUES?

Schools have been required to promote British values since 2014, and this will continue to be part of our response to the Prevent strategy. British values include:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO WEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL?

At Wembrook Primary School we are committed to upholding and giving students the opportunity to demonstrate their British values of democracy, individual liberty, the rule of law, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith. Students are able to explore these through our values, assemblies, extra-curricular opportunities and through other aspects of the curriculum.

Through modelling and encouraging pupils to live these values, we endeavour to enable pupils to develop their self-knowledge and self-esteem and self-confidence. The school is committed to establishing a strong ethos supported by effective relationships throughout the school. All teachers aim to give pupils the opportunity to develop and demonstrate skills and attitudes that will allow them to participate fully in and contribute positively to life in modern Britain.

ISN'T MY CHILD TOO YOUNG TO LEARN ABOUT EXTREMISM?

The Prevent strategy is not just about discussing extremism, which may not always be appropriate for younger pupils. It is also about teaching children values such as fairness, teamwork and respect. The school will make sure any discussions are suitable for the age and maturity of the pupils involved.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

(This information forms an appendix to our Prevent Duty Policy)

