



POCKLINGTON CE (VC) INFANT SCHOOL

Prevent Statement 2026 - 2027

Our commitment

Pocklington CE VC Infant School is committed to safeguarding every child and enabling them to flourish. The Prevent duty forms part of our wider safeguarding responsibilities. We have due regard to the need to prevent people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism, as required by section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

Prevent is not about criminalising children or families, discouraging legitimate debate, or targeting any faith, culture or community. It is an early-help safeguarding approach. Concerns are considered carefully, proportionately and without discrimination, with the best interests of the child at the centre.

What Prevent means in our infant school

Our pupils are aged three to seven. We do not teach young children frightening or inappropriate detail about terrorism. Instead, we build the foundations that help children stay safe now and become resilient as they grow.

- belonging, positive relationships and a secure sense of identity;
- kindness, compassion and respect for people from different families, cultures, faiths and backgrounds;
- confidence to express a view, listen to others and disagree peacefully;
- recognition that unkind, hateful or discriminatory language is not acceptable;
- age-appropriate online safety, including knowing that online information is not always safe or true; and
- the confidence to tell a trusted adult when something worries, frightens or confuses them.

Collective Worship, PSHE and RSE, stories, play, the wider curriculum and daily relationships all contribute to this work. Our approach reflects our Christian character and our commitment to dignity, inclusion and the flourishing of every child.

How we fulfil the Prevent duty

Leadership and governance: The Headteacher/DSL leads Prevent. Governors receive assurance that the duty is understood, resourced and reviewed.

Risk assessment: We maintain a proportionate Prevent risk assessment informed by the school, East Riding and national context. It is reviewed at least annually and after any relevant incident or change in risk.

Staff knowledge: Staff and governors receive appropriate Prevent and safeguarding training. New staff are briefed during induction and all staff know how to report a concern.

Safeguarding response: Concerns are recorded and passed to the DSL without delay. The DSL considers the whole safeguarding picture, seeks advice and makes referrals where this is necessary and proportionate.

Partnership working: We work with East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Counter Terrorism Policing, Humberside Police, children's social care and other partners as appropriate.

Curriculum and ethos: We promote fundamental British values: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. Prejudice and hateful conduct are challenged.

Online safety: Appropriate filtering and monitoring are in place. Their effectiveness is checked, recorded and reviewed in line with current statutory guidance. Staff teach children how to seek help if online content causes concern.

Visitors and premises: Visitors, external speakers and use of school premises are subject to proportionate checks, clear expectations and appropriate supervision. Permission is refused where activity may promote terrorism or extremist ideology linked to terrorism.

Recognising and responding to concerns

There is no single profile of a person susceptible to radicalisation and no checklist proves that radicalisation is taking place. A change in behaviour, repeated language, concerning play, drawings, online activity or comments about violence may have many explanations. Staff remain professionally curious, avoid assumptions and consider the child's age, development, SEND, family circumstances and wider context.

- Staff report the concern immediately to the DSL or a Deputy DSL and make an accurate safeguarding record.
- The DSL considers immediate safety, listens to the child in an age-appropriate way and reviews relevant information.
- Parents and carers will usually be involved unless doing so may increase risk or prejudice enquiries.
- The DSL may seek advice from the East Riding Prevent pathway, children's social care or police and may submit a Prevent referral.
- If there is immediate danger, a suspected crime or an imminent security threat, the school contacts the emergency services.

Local context

Publicly available information does not provide a reliable Prevent referral profile specifically for Pocklington. The school therefore avoids making unsupported assumptions about the town or particular communities. East Riding's Community Safety Partnership identifies counter-terrorism and radicalisation

as a strategic priority and operates a dual referral pathway involving both Counter Terrorism Policing and East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

The latest Home Office regional figures combine Yorkshire and the Humber with the North East. For the year ending 30 September 2025, this region recorded 168 Prevent referrals per million people, compared with 167 across England and Wales. Nationally, the most common specified concerns included extreme right-wing ideology, fascination with extreme violence or mass-casualty attacks, and Islamist extremism; more than half of referrals had no identified ideology. These figures guide staff awareness but do not replace individual, evidence-based safeguarding judgement.

Raising a concern

Parents and carers who are worried about something their child has seen, heard or repeated should contact the Headteacher/DSL through the school office. Members of the public can also use the ACT Early Support Line on 0800 011 3764. In an emergency call 999; for non-emergency police advice call 101.

Related school documents

- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy (Includes Online Safety)
- Prevent Risk Assessment and Action Plan
- Acceptable Use Policy
- Behaviour, Equality and Anti-bullying policies
- Visitors, lettings and site-security procedures
- Staff Code of Conduct and Whistleblowing Policy

Prevent duty guidance: England and Wales (2023): [open official source](#)

Keeping children safe in education 2026: [open official source](#)

East Riding Prevent support and referral information: [open official source](#)

Home Office Prevent statistics to September 2025: [open official source](#)

DfE Prevent risk-assessment templates: [open official source](#)