

Our “Prevent Duty” - Statement

The radicalisation of young, often vulnerable, children and adults is a source of worry for parents, schools and the Government. In the news, we see and also hear constant reminders of religious extremists, atrocities in Syria, terrorism and so on. We also have to remember that young people can be radicalised by other groups, for example “far right” groups that try to entice people into forcing their racist or other beliefs onto others through acts of violence or terror.

In The Nelson Thomlinson School the safety of our children is at the heart of everything we do. The values that permeate everyday life in NTS promote a sense of community, support for others and preparing young adults who have a strong sense of decency: we refer to this as NTS-ness.

To help further support our pupils, the staff at NTS will undertake training on the “Prevent Duty” which is government advice for schools and childcare providers on preventing children and young people from being drawn into terrorism.

A member of our SMT has attended Cumbria County Council secondary school training on “Prevent” and has fed this back to the whole staff as well utilising course materials in our Citizenship and PSHEC programmes for pupils.