



Prevent Information for Volunteers & Partners South Gloucestershire & Stroud Academy Trust

South Gloucestershire & Stroud Academy Trust (SGSAT) is proud of our commitment to social justice, equality of opportunity, mutual respect and tolerance.

In developing our students to be effective citizens in a democratic society, it is essential that SGSAT continues its commitment to promote open debate and freedom of speech and expression, whilst recognising the need to challenge prejudice, eliminate discrimination and prevent radicalisation.

It is our duty to safeguard our students and staff; empowering them to protect themselves from harm. The Prevent duty is therefore an integral part of the [SGSAT's Safeguarding Students & Child Protection Policy and Procedure](#).

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is **everyone's** responsibility. **Everyone** who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all practitioners should make sure their approach is child-centred. This means that they should consider, at all times, what is in the **best interests** of the child.

No single practitioner can have a full picture of a child's needs and circumstances. If children and families are to receive the right help at the right time, **everyone** who comes into contact with them has a role to play in identifying concerns, sharing information and taking prompt action.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- protecting children from maltreatment;
- preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development;
- ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and
- taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

* Definition from 'Department of Education – Keeping Children Safe in Education – Statutory guidance for schools and colleges (September 2020)'

PREVENT Duty

Since 18 September 2015 the SGSAT, has been subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (“the CTSA 2015”), in the exercise of their functions, to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”. This duty is known as the Prevent duty. Section 36 of the CTSA 2015 places a duty on local authorities to ensure Channel panels are in place. Section 38 of the CTSA 2015 requires partners of Channel panels to co-operate with the panel in the carrying out of its functions, in providing information about a referred individual.

Prevent and Channel Contact Protocols at SGSAT

SGSAT has a responsibility under the Prevent Duty Guidance (March 2015), to have Internal and external information sharing arrangements for extremism related concerns and a single point of contact for Prevent related activity and if appropriate an internal SGSAT Channel panel.

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