



Prevent Strategy Statement

General Arrangements

Policy Summary

The Prevent Strategy is the UK government's response to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat posed by those who promote it. Its purpose is to prevent individuals from being drawn into terrorism and to ensure that they are provided with appropriate advice and support. This policy sets out the approach taken by Rock School Bus to fulfil its duties under the Prevent Strategy.

Scope

This policy applies to everyone involved with Rock School Bus, including Trustees, staff, volunteers, clients, contractors, visitors, and other stakeholders. It establishes responsibilities for all parties to remain vigilant and take action when concerns arise about individuals at risk of radicalisation or extremist influences.

Policy Statement

The primary aim of this policy is to create and maintain a safe, healthy, and supportive environment. Rock School Bus is committed to protecting all individuals associated with our organisation from extremist and violent views. We recognise that failing to challenge extremist ideologies may put people at risk of harm, and therefore it is our duty to act responsibly while also respecting freedom of expression.

We acknowledge that the Prevent Strategy should not: stifle legitimate discussion, debate, or community engagement; stereotype, label, or single out individuals based on their ethnicity, faith, beliefs, or origins; or inhibit the lawful expression of personal beliefs and religious conscience that do not indicate radicalisation.

Radicalisation is considered a form of grooming and abuse. Indicators that an individual may be engaging with an extremist group, cause, or ideology include, but are not limited to, day-to-day behaviour increasingly focused on an extremist ideology, loss of interest in previous friends and activities, possession of materials associated with an extremist cause, attempts to recruit others, or communications suggesting identification with a group or ideology of concern. Other warning signs may include derogatory language towards others, increases in prejudice-related incidents (including

physical or verbal assault, property damage, or hate-based ridicule), refusal to cooperate with reasonable instructions, or condoning violence.

Radicalisation is complex, and each case should be assessed individually. Professional advice should always be sought if there is any uncertainty about the appropriate response.

Procedures for Referral

All safeguarding concerns, including those related to radicalisation, must be addressed through Rock School Bus's usual safeguarding processes in the first instance. Early intervention is critical, and any concerns should be referred to the national CHANNEL programme. Guidance and referral instructions are available via the Lincolnshire Police website, or referrals can be sent directly to CTP-EM-Prevent-Referral@lincs.pnn.police.uk.

If a criminal offence is suspected or a child is in immediate danger, the police should be contacted immediately by calling 101 or, in an emergency, 999.

Anyone at Rock School Bus who identifies a concern through conversations, behaviour, appearance, or other actions should report these concerns to the designated Prevent Representative, Amber Sinclair, who will ensure that appropriate action is taken.

Signed: _____

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This policy is scheduled for review in Dec 2026.