

SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN

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WELCOME

Welcome to the June edition of the Safeguarding Bulletin.

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USEFUL WEBSITES

educate.against.hate



NSPCC

THE PREVENT DUTY

We all have a duty to safeguard children in our school. This includes adhering to the **PREVENT DUTY**. This means being aware of the indicators that children may be vulnerable to radicalisation, challenging extremist views, being alert to potential terrorist activity and promoting British Values. Simultaneously we should also provide a safe space within which awareness can be raised and controversial issues debated.

Indicators that a child may be at risk of radicalisation include:

- Changes in behaviour including sudden acts of disrespect, intolerance of others viewpoints, change of religion, sympathy for and/or becoming a member of organisations associated with extremist ideology.
- Isolating from and being secretive around family and friends.
- Talking as if from a scripted speech and using hate terms, especially where this might incite violence.

As with many safeguarding concerns, it is important that we are vigilant to online as well as offline activity where both far-left and far-right terrorist organisations operate. For example, during March-November 2021 there was a six-fold rise in UK web traffic promoting Incel culture. Incels (Involuntary Celibates) centre around violent misogyny, dehumanise women and believe that there has been an erosion of men's social status which prevents them from forming 'romantic relationships' with the opposite sex. This potentially impacts on other areas of concern e.g. child-on-child abuse, sexual violence and harassment, teenage and domestic abuse.

SIR THOMAS WHARTON ACADEMY - WELLBEING IN NATURE

At Sir Thomas Wharton Academy, we are committed to keeping children safe and well - but it's important that adults look after themselves too. Make sure you find moments of calm. If you can get outside to enjoy the natural world that is fabulous, and you might want to look at some tips from the Mental Health Foundation: [Thriving-With-Nature-compressed.pdf \(mentalhealth.org.uk\)](https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/thriving-with-nature-compressed). If the weather doesn't allow, try listening to the sounds of the birds and bees here: [BBC Two - Springwatch, 2020, Episode 2, A moment of calm in an English apple orchard.](https://www.bbc.com/news/health-56888888)

