Trinity High School - Prevent Policy

Policy Purpose

This policy ensures that Trinity High School recognises its responsibilities under the **Prevent Duty** (CounterTerrorism and Security Act 2015) and Scottish statutory guidance. It supports the school's wider safeguarding and wellbeing framework to protect learners from harm and to prevent them being drawn into terrorism, extremist ideologies, prejudice-based behaviour, and other harmful influences.

Scope

This policy applies to all staff, pupils, volunteers, and partners while on school premises or engaged in school activities. It aligns with South Lanarkshire Council's safeguarding procedures, the Scottish Government's Prevent Duty Guidance, and the broader child protection frameworks.

Definitions

Extremism: Prevent deals with all kinds of terrorist threats to the UK. Prevent's first objective is to tackle the ideological causes of terrorism. The ideological component of terrorism is what sets it apart from other acts of serious violence. (In Scottish context, this includes safeguarding against harmful ideologies which can lead to violence.) **Core Principles**

- **Safeguarding First:** Prevent is part of the school's overall safeguarding responsibilities, integrated with existing child protection processes.
- **Early Identification & Intervention:** Staff should be vigilant for signs of vulnerability, radicalisation, hate or prejudice-based behaviour, and respond early through established pastoral and safeguarding routes.
- **Inclusive Educational Environment:** The school fosters respect, diversity, critical thinking, and resilience through the curriculum and school culture.
- **Rights & Respect:** All policies and actions are consistent with pupils' rights and dignity and avoid stereotyping or marginalisation.

Roles & Responsibilities

A **Designated Prevent Lead (Child Protection Co-ordinator Ms Lynch)** will:

- Promote awareness and appropriate training.
- Act as first point of contact on Prevent concerns.
- Liaise with the local authority's Prevent lead and partner agencies.
- **All Staff** must be alert to risks, promote positive relationships, challenge prejudice and report concerns via established safeguarding routes.

Reporting & Referral

Concerns about a pupil's vulnerability to radicalisation, extremist influences, or prejudice-based behaviour must be reported promptly through the school's safeguarding procedures. Where appropriate, referrals will be made to South Lanarkshire Council, Police Scotland and other multi-agency partners.