



## BOURNEMOUTH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

### **BSG and our Prevent Duty**

Prevent is a Government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes. The prevent strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including political and religious extremism. Since July 2015, all schools have a legal duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism.

At BSG, we take this duty seriously and seek to prevent young people in our care from being drawn into all forms of extremism. The school actively promotes diversity and shared values between the school community and the wider global community.

Many of the things that we already do within the academic and pastoral curriculum to help pupils become positive, happy members of society, also contribute to the prevent strategy.

These include:

- Exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity; the school seeks to promote tolerance
- Challenging prejudices and racist comments; we have an anti-bullying policy that seeks to ensure that all pupils feel safe in school.
- Encouraging independent and active learning
- Developing critical thinking skills and a strong, positive self-identity
- Promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils.

Our curriculum provides opportunities for pupils to discuss, in a safe way, issues of concern and British Values such as: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. Please see our separate statement on how we promote these.

Our safeguarding procedures are thorough and meet national standards. Our school ICT network is carefully monitored. The South West Grid for Learning protects our pupils by filtering all unsafe content and pupils are not able to access extremist content on the school network. We practise due diligence in our visitors policy and use an open source check on all external lettings. We will continue to review all our policies and practice and make reference to our prevent duty as appropriate.

Senior staff have attended an OFSTED regional briefing on the Prevent duty and RAP training.

Governors and school staff have all been briefed about their responsibilities to ensure that the school continues to be a safe place for all our pupils to learn as part of our ongoing programme of safeguarding training. We undertake regular reviews of site security with Dorset Police. The latest was in October 2021.

Our nominated governor is Mrs Bowley who reports to governors as part of her nominated safeguarding governor role.

We will work closely with the Local Authority and police where we have concerns. We have a named contact in each agency.

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Next review: July 2023