



Prevent Update April 2020

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I am a dedicated Prevent resource for schools and 6th form colleges across West Sussex. I can provide support, materials and training tailored to your needs to help you meet your statutory obligations under the Prevent Duty and to help safeguard the young people in your care. Please share with other senior leaders and subject leaders such as PSHE, RE, Citizenship and Computing. If you wish individuals to be added to this list, please email: Helen.Wade@westsussex.gov.uk

Key dates coming up

- **30th March - 5th April: World Autism Awareness Week** *World Autism Awareness Day* is an internationally recognised day taking place on **2nd April** every year. 1 in 100 UK school children have autism, and over 40% of these say they have been bullied at school. Schools play a huge part in promoting a better understanding of autism and supporting and including all students. In the week surrounding this day, the public and schools are encouraged to take part in *World Autism Awareness Week* – a full seven days where people across the UK take part in activities to raise money and awareness for the *National Autistic Society*. Whilst organising a school event at the moment is clearly not possible, you may wish to have a discussion with the children still present in your setting, or direct parents to this resource: <https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/world-autism-awareness-week/schools.aspx>
- **6th April: International Day of Sport for Development and Peace** Sport as a universal language can be a powerful tool to promote peace, tolerance and understanding by bringing people together across boundaries, cultures and religions. A good opportunity to discuss and explore how sport can include *everyone*. You can find more information here: <https://www.un.org/en/events/sportday/>

Articles

- *Educate Against Hate* have recently updated their website to make it more user friendly, as explained in their blog here: <https://educateagainsthate.com/blog/posts/new-improved-eah-website/> It now includes a free newsletter so that you can get the latest tips and advice delivered to your inbox. You can sign up at the bottom of the home page here: <https://educateagainsthate.com/>
- The *BBC* reports that the government has set up a rapid response unit to help tackle fake news and misinformation about the Coronavirus: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-52086284> It has already dealt with various online posts, ranging from false advice that people could protect themselves by gargling water, to scams aimed at stealing peoples personal data. In a relaunch of the 'Don't Feed the Beast' campaign: <https://sharechecklist.gov.uk/> officials are urging people to think carefully before sharing information online.
- *CONTEST 3.0* (2018) states that “While no links have been established between mental disorder and group-based terrorism, terrorists who act alone may be more likely to have a background that includes mental ill health.” *The University of Hertfordshire*, in collaboration with the *World Health Organisation*, has recently published a report looking at the health, health behaviours and social environment of school-aged children in England. Read the report: [Health behaviour in school-aged children: findings from the 2018 HBSC study for England \(PDF\)](#) . Read the news story: [Mental health of school-aged children has worsened, according to national study](#) An opportunity to consider how we can best improve wellbeing and mental health amongst the children in our settings, and at home, particularly at this unsettling time.

Useful resources

For staff:

- The *London Grid for Learning (LGfL)* have launched a new **Prevent CPD counter-extremism resource for school staff**, developed in collaboration with the *DfE, Home Office*, DSLs and experts in extremism and vulnerability. Together with short CPD videos, discussion starters, case studies and resources for primaries and secondaries, counterextremism.lgfl.net provides additional insight into the far-right threat and practical approaches to implement the *Prevent* duty as part of a whole school approach. Open access and **free** for all schools, please discuss and share with staff and governors as you see fit.

Primary schools

- *Hammersmith & Fulham* have developed **KS2** lesson plans to explore stereotyping and critical awareness online. Find them here: <https://educateagainsthate.com/resources/hammersmith-fulham-primary-resources/>

Just for Secondary schools:

- *Votes for Schools* have produced some excellent lessons whereby students can assess whether contemporary politics are causing apathy or providing inspiration for young people: '*Are young people interested in politics?*' Please consult your policies & feel free to use if you feel appropriate:
 - Presentation 15 MIN [Download](#)
 - Presentation 45 MIN [Download](#)
 - Presentation 16+ [Download](#)
 - 15 Minute Lesson Plan [Download](#)
 - 45 Minute Lesson Plan [Download](#)
 - 16+ Lesson Plan [Download](#)
 - Secondary Assembly [Download](#)
 - Cross Curricular Ideas [Download](#)
 - SMSC, British values and Prevent evidence [Download](#)

Online Safety

- Reporting online material promoting terrorism or extremism: A reminder that this is a link to quickly and anonymously report online material promoting terrorism or extremism. Please advertise to your parents and staff as you feel appropriate: <https://www.gov.uk/report-terrorism>
- Social media: How much information is needed? An interesting read and overview of the current position and proposed new regulatory framework for addressing online harms. [\[Link\]](#) Particularly fitting given that students will increasingly be using social media to interact with others.
- West Sussex Online safety: the following *West Sussex* links provide the latest online safety updates and training advice. Please advertise to your staff and parents as you see fit:
 - Website: www.westsussex.gov.uk/staying-safe-online
 - Sign up to the E-newsletter here: www.westsussex.gov.uk/email-alerts
 - Facebook and Twitter: [@WSxSafeOnline](https://www.facebook.com/WSxSafeOnline)

Training

If you would like more information regarding the support that I can provide, or would just like an informal chat about your provision, please drop an email to the below address:

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