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## **ADVICE FOR SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE PROVIDERS ON THE PREVENT DUTY**

I am writing to let you know that the Department for Education is publishing the attached advice for schools and childcare providers on the Prevent duty, which comes into force tomorrow (1 July). The Prevent duty requires a wide range of bodies, including all schools and early years and later years childcare providers, to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism in the exercise of their functions. The government issued statutory guidance on the duty in March.

Schools and childcare providers are already responsible for keeping children safe, including from the risks of extremism and radicalisation, and for promoting the welfare of children in their care. The Prevent duty will reinforce these existing duties by spreading understanding of the risks and current good practice across the country. This advice is intended to help schools and childcare providers think about what they can do to protect children from the risk of radicalisation and suggests how they can access support to do this.

The advice also explains what governors and staff can do if they have a concern relating to extremism. The Department for Education has set up telephone helpline (020 7340 7264) to enable people to raise concerns directly. Concerns can also be raised by email to [counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk).

We are considering what more we can do to support schools and childcare providers in carrying out the essential work of protecting children from the risks of extremism and radicalisation.

I hope that you will find this advice useful.

Yours sincerely,

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