

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

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PREVENT

What are the warning signs of radicalisation?

There is no single route to radicalisation. It can happen over a long period of time or sometimes it is triggered by a specific incident or news item and can happen quickly.

The behaviours listed here are intended as a guide to help you identify possible radicalisation.

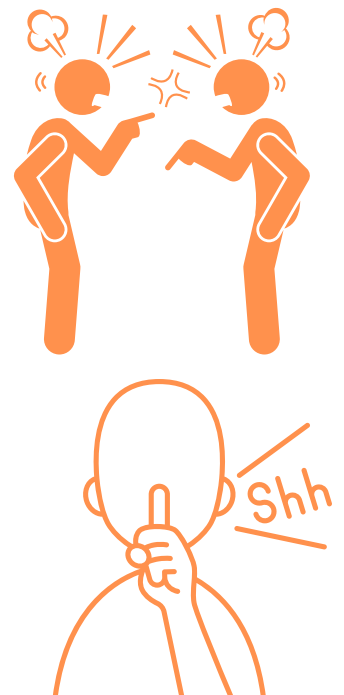
Online behaviour

- Accessing extremist online content
- Sympathetic to extremist ideologies and groups
- Joining or trying to join an extremist organisation
- Changing online identity



Outward appearance

- Not listening to other points of view
- Abusive towards people who are different
- Embracing conspiracy theories
- Feeling persecuted
- Changing friends and appearance
- Converting to a new religion
- Being secretive of movements
- Increasingly argumentative
- Distancing themselves from old friends
- No longer doing things they used to enjoy



Which young people are vulnerable to radicalisation?

Children from all backgrounds can become radicalised, but it's important to keep the risk in perspective. External factors such as community tension, global events, or having friends or family who have joined extremist groups, all play a part. Any of these issues make children more susceptible to believing that extremists' claims are the answer to their problems.

The following is a guide only, so use your professional judgment to assess students' vulnerability.



- Struggling with a sense of identity
- Becoming distanced from their cultural or religious background
- Questioning their place in society
- Family issues
- Experiencing a traumatic event
- Experiencing racism or discrimination
- Difficulty in interacting socially and lacking empathy
- Difficulty in understanding the consequences of their actions
- Low self-esteem

What should I do if I have a concern about a student?

If you are concerned a student is being radicalised, you must speak to the Safeguarding Team.

USEFUL RESOURCES:

- www.educateagainsthate.com
- Annual Certificate in the Prevent Duty – National Online Safety

KEY REMINDERS

- Lanyards must be worn at all times.
- Please ensure you sign in and out of school at all times.
- Do not let visitors follow you into reception behind you as you walk in
- You must lock your computer screen when you walk away from your device

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