



For the attention of All Headteachers and DSLs

The DfE's COVID19 Prevent briefing for schools and colleges has now been published (see the two links below). This is a briefing note for senior leaders, teachers and safeguarding leads in schools and further education providers on how extremists are using COVID-19 to promote disinformation, misinformation and conspiracy theories. This non-statutory advice from the Department for Education has been produced to provide a short summary of the extremist response to COVID-19, highlighting the additional radicalisation risks for children and young people and suggested actions for settings to take.

The briefing contains links to a variety of resources that should assist you.

- ✓ [Full Briefing: COVID-19 Prevent Guidance For Schools and Further Education Providers](#)
- ✓ [Short Blog Post: Extremists are targeting young people during the pandemic – so what can you do to tackle this in the classroom?](#)

One of the key messages in the briefing is to ensure that staff are aware of the issues and feel confident to engage in important conversations and dialogue with learners. It is increasingly important that staff understand their role & feel confident to undertake it. Please therefore ensure that you alert staff as part of your regular safeguarding updates and when considering the content of your RSHE curriculum. For further advice and information and training enquiries please contact sarah.lee@nottsc.gov.uk

Any concerns held by staff should be shared with the DSL at earliest opportunity and actions taken to either report or seek advice from the Nottinghamshire Police Prevent Team.

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