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Parent Liaison Governors

Sarah Sutton



Natasha Geldard



Just a reminder to you that your parent liaison governors are Natasha Geldard and Sarah Sutton. Natasha and Sarah are in the playground most days before and after school if you want to catch them to arrange a meeting or a phone call. We welcome all feedback, so please feel free to speak to them as they are both very friendly!!

Prevent - Latest Update

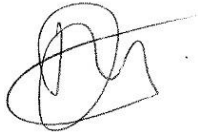
I have written to you previously about how schools are now required to talk to pupils about radicalisation and extremism as part of the Prevent Duty. After speaking to the children about Rapunzel and Mother Gothel's extreme views on looking after her, we recently talked about football fans and the extreme way that some people choose to support their teams. Again, the idea is to teach the children that some people have extreme and radical views about how to do things and that we need to recognise these. At the end of this newsletter is the latest update from county for your information.

Annual Reports

As you may have noticed on the 'What's Happening' sheets, the annual reports this year will be completed and distributed at the end of the Spring Term. Reports will be coming home on **Monday 27th March** and then there will be an informal opportunity to discuss reports after school on **Tuesday 28th**

March. The idea is that the targets set in the report can then be focused on throughout the Summer term and discussed in a formal parent's evening in July and therefore have more of an impact on your child's progress. Reports for the Explorers will still be sent home in the summer term as in previous years.

Many thanks for your continued support.



Dave Killoran
(Headteacher)

Prevent update

Prevent is about safeguarding people and communities from the threat of terrorism. Prevent is 1 of the 4 elements of CONTEST, the Government's counter-terrorism strategy. It aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. Radicalisation by extremist groups or individuals can be perpetrated via a number of means: face-to-face by peers, in organised groups in the community and, increasingly, online. Their targets are individuals or groups of people who can be easily led towards terrorist ideologies because of their experiences, state of mind or sometimes their upbringing. However extremists attempt to influence vulnerable people, the internet invariably plays some kind of role, being widely used both to create initial interest, and as reinforcement to other means of communication. As is the case with everything it is used for, the internet enables considerably larger numbers of people to be reached, in a wider geographic area, and with less effort by the perpetrators. The power of social media is well-known, and it is this that is the main channel for such grooming – be it Facebook, Twitter or the multitude of other sites and apps. Other online channels include chatrooms, forums, instant messages and texts. All are also used by extremists for their day-to-day communication, as is the dark web.

Get more information and advice at:

- Prevent Tragedies and Let's Talk About it (<http://www.ltai.info/>), websites dedicated to the prevention of radicalisation and terrorism
- A guide for schools from the UK Government on how terrorist groups such as ISIL use social media to encourage travel to Syria and Iraq: www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-use-of-social-media-for-online-radicalisation
www.getsafeonline.org