# Key Information/Safeguarding Contacts

**Important Contacts:**

If parents/carers believe a child to be at risk of harm, abuse or neglect please report this to the Wirral Integrated Front Door Team:

Mon – Fri           9am-5pm        0151 606 2008

Outside these hours                 0151 677 6557

Email: IFD@wirral.gov.uk

**In an emergency always call 999.**

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**In conjunction with Merseyside Police, Brookhurst Primary School is involved in an initiative called Operation Encompass. The purpose of Operation Encompass is to safeguard and support children and young people who have been involved in, heard, or witnessed a domestic abuse incident. Following such an incident, children can arrive at school distressed, upset, worried and unprepared. Operation Encompass aims to ensure that appropriate school staff (called key adults) are made aware early enough to support children and young people in a way that means they feel safe and included.**

**At Brookhurst Primary School our key adults are Steve Williams (headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead) and April Parsonage (deputy headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead).**

**This is a valuable initiative that means we can continue to support and help children and families within our school community when they need it most. You can find out more by visiting**[**www.operationencompass.org**](http://www.operationencompass.org/)**or by contacting one of our key adults.**

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[Prevent](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance) is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes.

[The Prevent strategy](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance) covers all types of terrorism and extremism.

**Educate Against Hate** – [**https://educateagainsthate.com/**](https://educateagainsthate.com/)

This is an important government website that provide advice and information about protecting children from extremism and radicalisation. Please note the poster in the staff corridor.

**How does the Prevent strategy apply to schools?**

All schools have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism.

This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views the same way we protect them from drugs or gang violence.

[The Prevent strategy](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance)is not just about discussing extremism itself, which may not be appropriate for younger children. However, it is about teaching children values such as tolerance and mutual respect.

Importantly, we can provide a safe place for pupils to discuss any issues so they better understand how to protect themselves.

**National Police Prevent Advice Line**

Call in confidence, to share your concerns with a specially trained Prevent officers.   **0800 011 3764**

**Local Police Advice**

Merseyside Police have a dedicated Prevent team who can be contacted for advice:

**Telephone: 0151 777 8506 or email**[Prevent@merseyside.police.uk](mailto:Prevent@merseyside.police.uk)

**Referral**

To make a referral into the **Wirral Channel panel** professionals should use the Channel Panel Referral and Assessment form which can be accessed here:

[**Prevent Referral form**](https://www.wirralsafeguarding.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Prevent-Referral-form.docx)

Please note that referral into the Channel Panel does not replace usual safeguarding reporting procedures which must always be used if you believe a child, young person or adult is at risk of harm, abuse or neglect.

 Resources

List of [**Extreme and far leaning political symbols and badges**](https://www.wirralsafeguarding.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Extreme-and-far-leaning-political-symbols-and-badges.pdf)

Illustrations of [**Far Right Numbers and Symbols**](https://www.wirralsafeguarding.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Far-Right-Numbers-and-Symbols.pdf)

List of Extremist [**Stickers signs and leaflets**](https://www.wirralsafeguarding.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Stickers-signs-and-leaflets.pdf)