# **Prevent Newsletter AUTUMN 2025**



At St. Mary's, keeping our pupils safe and happy is at the heart of everything we do.

As part of our safeguarding work, we follow the Prevent Duty, which helps protect children from being drawn into harmful or extremist ideas.

This isn't about policing opinions — it's about building resilience, critical thinking, and respect for others so our children can thrive in a diverse and caring community.



# What Is the Prevent Duty?

The Prevent Duty is part of the government's safeguarding guidance for schools. It helps us to:

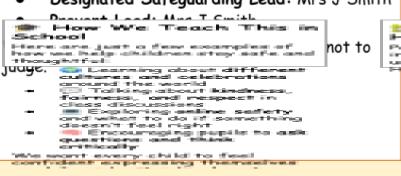
- Encourage children to think for themselves
- Promote respect and tolerance for different beliefs and backgrounds
- Challenge unfairness, bullying, and discrimination
- Keep everyone safe both in school and online

### If You're Worried

If you ever feel unsure or concerned about something your child has seen or said — online or offline — please talk to us.

You can contact:

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs J Smith



#### Useful Resources for Families

Here are some trusted websites to explore together:

- Educate Against Hate practical advice and support
- ThinkUKnow online safety tips for every age Internet Matters help for
- setting digital boundaries
- Childline support for children NSPCC Online Safety parent advice on online issues

You Can Help at in supporting children's understanding and safety. Here are a few easy ways

## Conversation Starters

- "What would you do if someone online said something unkind?" "How do you know if something on YouTube or TikTok is true?"
- "What makes a good friend online and in real life?"