

# The Prevent Duty



In July 2015, the government placed a statutory duty on schools to keep children safe from the risk of radicalisation and extremism. This expectation made clear that every teacher must be aware of the risks posed by the online activity of extremist groups, and how social media is being used to encourage young people to travel to Syria and Iraq.

## How can SurfProtect® Quantum help?

SurfProtect® Quantum helps you to ensure that your school is in compliance with the Prevent duty through the following features:

- **One-Click Compliance:** In our panel, you'll find a range of 'Umbrella Behaviour' settings which immediately block certain categories - one click of the 'Prevent' button will automatically block all sites which could contain radical or extremist content. The Prevent setting will also enforce a block on search terms relating to extremism; this keyword list includes all terms identified by the DfE as being commonly used in ISIL dialogue, so students are unable to use these words to search for related material.
- **Social Media:** As extremist or radical conversation and activity takes place on a variety of social media platforms - rather than designated websites - you may also opt to restrict access to this category, and sites such as YouTube which have prolific comment sections that may be abused. SurfProtect's flexibility ensures that it is possible for a school to still allow access to the web pages, videos, or channels within these blocked categories and websites which have an educational purpose.
- **User Reporting:** SurfProtect Quantum provides you with a detailed insight into the activity taking place on your school's internet connection - from which sites are being requested, which are most frequently visited and even which students are attempting to access which sites. As a result, you are able to identify any causes for concern, and possible intervention.
- **Home Office Terrorism Watch List:** The Counter Terrorism Internet Referral Unit (CTIRU) list is fully integrated into SurfProtect Quantum. This means that all sites and search terms identified by the CTIRU as being related to terrorism are blocked by default and cannot be accessed. This list cannot be removed or amended by either staff or students, so you can be assured you are always compliant with this aspect of the Prevent Duty.
- **Peer to Peer:** We work tirelessly to ensure that peer to peer sites, such as Tor, are correctly categorised. This means that once a School has blocked this category, it is incredibly difficult for students to download these applications which are commonly used for sharing offensive and inflammatory content.
- **News & Politics:** It is also possible to block more wide-reaching and general categories, such as News, Politics and Religion, which will include a great deal of informative material but which may also include some, or reference to, extremist content.

