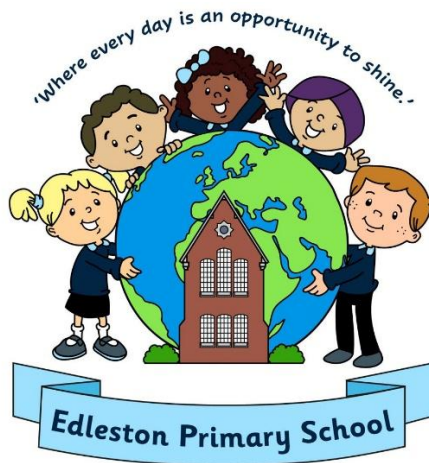




# Martyn's Law (Terrorism Protection of Premises) Policy

(Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025)

Introduced [June 2026](#)

Annual Review [September 2027](#)

CONSIDERATION

ASPIRATION

RESPONSIBILITY

ENJOYMENT

# 1. Policy Statement

Edleston Primary School is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all pupils, staff, visitors and members of the public.

This policy reflects the requirements of the **Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 (Martyn's Law)**, which aims to improve preparedness and protective security across public premises, including education settings. [\[gov.uk\]](#)

The school will adopt a **proportionate, practical and risk-informed approach** to planning for and responding to a potential terrorist incident.

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## 2. Scope and Legal Context

This policy applies to:

- All staff, pupils and visitors on the school site
- All school-led activities on and off site
- All school premises and grounds

Under Martyn's Law:

- Premises with **200+ individuals present** fall within scope [\[gov.uk\]](#)
- **All education settings are treated as standard tier premises**, regardless of size [\[gov.uk\]](#)

The **standard tier** requires schools to implement **public protection procedures**, rather than physical security infrastructure. [\[protectuk.police.uk\]](#)

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## 3. Aims and Objectives

The school aims to:

- Ensure preparedness for a terrorist incident
  - Reduce the risk of harm to individuals
  - Maintain clear and effective emergency procedures
  - Ensure staff understand their roles in an emergency
  - Provide reassurance to pupils, parents and the community
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## 4. Responsibilities

### 4.1 Responsible Person

In line with the Act, the **Responsible Person** is:

**Headteacher (Kirsty Goldsmith)**

(On behalf of Cheshire East Local Authority)

The Responsible Person will:

- Ensure compliance with Martyn's Law requirements
  - Notify the **Security Industry Authority (SIA)** if required [\[protectuk.police.uk\]](https://protectuk.police.uk)
  - Oversee development and implementation of procedures
  - Ensure staff are informed and trained
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### 4.2 Governing Body

The Governing Body will:

- Monitor compliance with this policy
  - Ensure safeguarding and health & safety duties align with Martyn's Law
  - Provide strategic oversight
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### 4.3 Staff

All staff must:

- Follow emergency procedures
  - Participate in training and drills
  - Maintain vigilance and report concerns
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## 5. Public Protection Procedures (Core Requirement)

In line with statutory guidance, the school will maintain **clear, rehearsed procedures** to reduce harm in the event of an attack. [\[protectuk.police.uk\]](https://protectuk.police.uk)

These procedures cover:

## 5.1 Evacuation

- Safe exit from the building/site
- Assembly point procedures
- Accounting for pupils and staff

## 5.2 Invacuation

- Moving pupils and staff to a safe internal space
- Securing classrooms or designated safe areas

## 5.3 Lockdown

- Securing access points (doors, gates, windows)
- Immediate response to an external or internal threat
- Silent communication protocols

## 5.4 Communication

- Clear internal communication systems (e.g. radios, phone alerts)
- Procedures for contacting emergency services
- Parent communication protocols post-incident

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# 6. Risk Awareness and Preventative Measures

Although schools are not required to implement enhanced security measures, the school will:

- Maintain secure entry systems and visitor procedures
- Monitor site access during the school day
- Ensure supervision of pupils at all times
- Link this policy to:
  - Safeguarding Policy
  - Critical Incident Plan
  - Lockdown Procedure
  - Health & Safety Policy

The Act requires schools to **consider how they would respond and reduce harm**, rather than mandate physical changes. [\[gov.uk\]](https://www.gov.uk)

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## 7. Training and Awareness

The school will ensure that:

- All staff receive **basic awareness training**
- New staff receive induction covering emergency procedures
- Drills are conducted regularly (including lockdown)
- Senior leaders review preparedness annually

The aim is to ensure staff are confident in **responding quickly and effectively**.

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## 8. Working with External Agencies

The school will work with:

- Cheshire East Local Authority
- Police and Counter Terrorism Security Advisors
- Emergency services

Where appropriate, guidance from **ProtectUK and the Home Office** will inform practice.

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## 9. Monitoring, Review and Compliance

This policy will be:

- Reviewed annually
- Updated following any national guidance changes
- Evaluated after drills or incidents

The school recognises there is a **national implementation period of at least 24 months following April 2025**, and will continue to refine procedures ahead of full legal commencement.

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## 10. Related Policies

- Safeguarding and Child Protection
- Health and Safety
- Critical Incident Plan

- Lockdown Procedures
  - Visitor Management
  - Site Security
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## **Appendix 1 – Quick Staff Response Summary (Ready-to-Use)**

**In the event of a suspected terrorist incident:**

- **Evacuate** – if safe to leave
  - **Invacuate** – move to safe internal spaces
  - **Lockdown** – secure the building immediately
  - **Communicate** – follow SLT instructions
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