



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Anti-Radicalisation and Prevent Policy

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St. Joseph's is a Catholic Primary School where our Core Values, underpin every aspect of school life. Our Mission Statement declares that we are a Welcoming, Learning, Vibrant and Holy school.

We live and learn by our Christian Values in an inclusive, supportive and caring environment where the safeguarding of each and every child is of utmost priority. Children encounter a 'living faith' through our collective worship. They are actively involved in their learning and through a partnership with parents and the wider community the children grow and develop as we prepare them to meet the challenges they will face in life.

THE AIMS OF THE SCHOOL:

- To encourage the love of God and the Catholic faith while promoting an appreciation of other denominations and Religions.
- To develop good relationships among all those involved in the school and the wider community. To provide equality of opportunity to all regardless of culture, religion, language, ethnic background or race.
- To seek to develop each individual to their full potential academically within the framework of the National Curriculum.
- To help children recognise and develop their own talents and to encourage them to become responsible for themselves and others.

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all its pupils. As a school we recognise that safeguarding against radicalisation is no different from safeguarding against any other vulnerability. At St Joseph Catholic Primary School all staff are expected to uphold and promote the fundamental principles of British Values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. In formulating this policy, the Governors have taken account of the guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) which has called for all public bodies to make explicit their preventative measures to minimise the threat of extremism in their setting

DEFINITIONS AND INDICATORS

Radicalisation is defined as the act or process of making a person more radical or favouring of extreme or fundamental changes in political, economic or social conditions, institutions or habits of the mind. Extremism is defined as the holding of extreme political or religious views.

The Governing Body has a zero tolerance approach to extremist behaviour for all community members. We rely on our strong values to steer our work and ensure the pastoral care of our pupils protects them from exposure to negative influences.

AIMS AND PRINCIPLES

The main aims of this policy statement are to ensure that staff are fully engaged in being vigilant about radicalisation; that they overcome professional disbelief that such issues will not happen here and ensure that we work alongside other professional bodies and agencies to ensure that our pupils are safe from harm.

The principal objectives are that:

Pupils are encouraged to adopt and live out our Core Values. These complement the key British Values of tolerance, respect, understanding, compassion and harmonious living.

- Pupils are helped to understand the importance of democracy and freedom of speech through day to day teaching and through the teaching of PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) education.
- Pupils are taught how to keep themselves safe, in school and when using the internet.
- Pupils participate in local community events so that they appreciate and value their neighbours and friends who may not share their faith background.
- Pupil's wellbeing, confidence and resilience is promoted through our planned curriculum and out of hours learning opportunities.
- Pupils are supported in making good choices from a very young age, so they understand the impact and consequences of their actions on others.

Governors, teachers, teaching assistants and non-teaching staff demonstrate an understanding of what radicalisation and extremism are and why we need to be vigilant in school. The Office for Security & Counter Terrorism works to counter the threat from terrorism and their work is detailed in the counter terrorism strategy **CONTEST**.

This strategy is based on four areas of work:

- **Pursue** - To stop terrorist attacks
- **Prevent** - To stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism
- **Protect** - To strengthen our protection against a terrorist attack
- **Prepare** - To mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack

Our role, as a school, is outlined more specifically in the DfE document 'Learning together to be safe: A toolkit to help schools contribute to the prevention of violent extremism.' Primarily our work will be concerned with PREVENTION and is outlined more specifically in the DfE document 'Learning together to be safe: A toolkit to help schools contribute to the prevention of violent extremism.'

PROCEDURES FOR REFERRALS

It is important for us to be constantly vigilant and remain fully informed about the issues which affect the region in which we teach. Staff members are reminded to suspend any professional disbelief that instances of radicalisation 'could not happen here' and to refer any concerns through the appropriate channels (currently via the Child Protection/ Safeguarding lead).

This policy is strictly adhered to should issues arise.

THE ROLE OF THE CURRICULUM

Our curriculum promotes respect, tolerance and diversity. Children are encouraged to express themselves through discussions, debates and consultations. The R.E, (Religious Education) PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education), Citizenship and SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural) provision is embedded across the curriculum, and underpins the ethos of the school. Children learn about other faiths and visit places of worship and are taught about how to stay safe when using the Internet.

STAFF TRAINING

All staff undertake the Home Office Prevent training/face to face WRAP training (Workshop on Raising Awareness of Prevent) training. If the need arises, we will arrange for Advanced WRAP Training. Advanced WRAP focuses on the particular circumstances of anti-radicalisation work in Ealing, particularly the rise of right wing anti-Islamic groups across Europe radicalising young people in Ealing. WRAP training is undertaken every 2 years.

POLICY REVIEW

The Anti-Radicalisation policy statement will be reviewed biennially as part of the overall Child Protection and Safeguarding policy review.