

Statement on Preventing Extremism and Radicalisation



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The policy is to be reviewed October 2023

St James and St John Church of England Primary School
recognise their responsibility for safeguarding and child protection.

Extremism

Since 2010 when the Government published the 'Prevent Strategy', there has been an awareness of the specific need to safeguard children, young people and families from violent extremism. There have been occasions in which extremist groups have attempted to radicalise vulnerable children and young people to hold extremist views including views justifying political, religious, sexist or racist violence, or to steer them into a rigid and narrow ideology that is intolerant of diversity and leaves them vulnerable to future radicalisation.

St James and St John Church of England Primary School seeks to protect children and young people against the messages of all violent extremism including, but not restricted to Islamist extremism, extreme right wing, far right, far left, IRA, MUU, animal rights, pro-life and environment activists.

St James and St John Church of England Primary School Governors, Head teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) will assess the level of risk within the school and put actions into place to reduce the risk. Risk assessments may include the use of the school premises by external agencies, visitors to the school, internet usage, anti-bullying statement and other issues specific to the school's profile, community and philosophy.

As part of our safeguarding ethos we encourage pupils to respect the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. We ensure that partisan political views are not promoted in the teaching of any subject in the school and where political issues are brought to the attention of the pupils, reasonably practicable steps have been taken to offer a balanced presentation of opposing views to pupils.

The Teacher Standards state that teachers should:

- Show tolerance of and respect for the rights of others.
- Not undermine fundamental British values.
- Ensure that personal beliefs are not expressed in ways that exploit pupils' vulnerability or might lead them to break the law.

It is the responsibility of the Head teacher and Governors to:

- Effectively manage potential risks to pupils and the wider school community.
- Respond effectively to local, national and global events which could have an impact on individual pupils or the school community.
- Regularly review emergency plans and procedures to prepare for future events and risks.

Should staff be aware of any extremist attitudes expressed by any members of the school community, they should report the matter to the DSL / Head teacher and complete the concern form in the 'Extremist Attitudes Log' which is contained in the school office. It is the responsibility of the Head teacher to review any such incidents and seek advice and guidance from the LA Designated Office:

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