

God wants me to be the best me I can be



St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School Prevent Duty Policy

Jesus is the Centre of our lives

Mission statement

Through His teaching we aim to value ourselves and each other as unique and precious individuals created by God;

We encourage and develop love and respect for each other and for our world;

We strive to promote and deepen our Catholic faith through prayer, work and play;

We aim to foster a loving, caring environment in which each child can freely learn and develop to their full potential.

Gospel Values underpinning our curriculum

Love, friendship, respect, truth, hope and forgiveness.

St. Joseph's RC 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. 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.

The Prevent Duty Policy aims to ensure that St Joseph's RC Primary School fulfils its responsibilities under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015. The policy outlines our commitment to safeguarding children and young people from radicalisation and extremism, ensuring a safe and supportive environment where all Children can thrive.

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 principle objectives are that:

- All Staff and Governors will have an understanding of what radicalisation and extremism are and why we need to be vigilant in school.
- All Staff and Governors will know what the school policy is on anti-radicalisation and extremism and will follow the policy when issues arise.
- All parents and pupils will know that the school has policies in place to keep pupils safe from harm and that the school regularly reviews its systems to ensure they are appropriate and effective.

Reporting Incidents

Although serious incidents involving radicalisation have not occurred at St. Joseph's RC Primary School to date, 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 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 Designated Safeguarding Lead or Headteacher).

We believe that it is possible to intervene to protect people who are vulnerable. Early intervention is vital and staff must be aware of the established processes for front line professionals to refer concerns about individuals and/or groups. We must have the confidence to challenge, the confidence to intervene and ensure that we have strong safeguarding practices based on the most up-to-date guidance and best practice.

The Designated Lead for Child Protection and Safeguarding and the Headteacher will deal swiftly with any referrals made by staff or with concerns reported by staff.

The Headteacher will discuss the most appropriate course of action on a case-by-case basis and will decide when a referral to external agencies is needed.

Staff can call the national police Prevent advice line 0800 011 376. If it's an emergency, call 999. If you see online material promoting terrorism or extremism, you can report it online.

Role of the Curriculum

Our curriculum promotes respect, tolerance and diversity. We are committed to ensuring that our pupils are offered a broad and balanced curriculum that aims to prepare them for life in modern Britain. Children are encouraged to share their views and recognise that they are entitled to have their own different beliefs which should not be used to influence others. Our 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. Teaching the schools' core values alongside the fundamental British values supports quality teaching and learning, whilst making a positive contribution to the development of a fair, just and civil society. Children are regularly taught about how to stay safe when using the Internet and are encouraged to recognise that people are not always who they say they are online. They are taught to seek adult help if they are upset or concerned about anything they read or see on the Internet.

Role of the Governing Body

The Governing Body of our School will undertake appropriate training to ensure that they are clear about their role and the parameters of their responsibilities as Governors, including their statutory safeguarding duties. The Governing Body will support the ethos and values of our school and will support the school in tackling extremism and radicalisation. In line with the provisions set out in the DfE guidance 'Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024' the governing body will challenge the school's senior management team on the delivery of this policy and monitor its effectiveness.

Training

Staff will receive regular training on the Prevent Duty, recognising signs of radicalisation, and safeguarding practises.

Provide information sessions for parents and the wider community to raise awareness. Staff will complete Prevent training every two years.

Headteacher

Lead the implementation of the Prevent Duty Policy.

Ensure staff are trained and aware of their responsibilities regarding safeguarding and the Prevent Duty.

Children

Understand their role in promoting a safe and respectful environment.
Feel empowered to report any concerns regarding radicalisation.

Parents and Carers

Be informed about the school's approach to the Prevent Duty.
Support the school in safeguarding their Children.

Wider School Community

Collaborate with local authorities and community organisations to promote awareness and understanding of the Prevent Duty.

Conclusion

St Joseph's RC Primary School is committed to creating an environment where Children feel safe, respected, and valued. By implementing this Prevent Duty Policy, we aim to protect our Children from the risks of radicalisation while promoting a culture of understanding and respect.

Links to Prevent information

[**Prevent duty training - GOV.UK**](#)

[**https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/channel-and-prevent-multi-agency-panel-pmap-guidance**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/channel-and-prevent-multi-agency-panel-pmap-guidance)

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[Links to schools safeguarding policy.](#)

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