

St Antony's Catholic Primary School



Extremism School Safeguarding Policy 2018 – 2019

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The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (Part 5) places a legal duty on St Antony's Catholic Primary School 'have due regard to the need to prevent pupils from being [radicalised and] drawn into terrorism'. This duty also applies to a range of other public bodies including: local authorities; the police; and health and probation services. The overall expectation with the Act and statutory guidance is that St Antony's makes the necessary actions to 'mainstream' efforts which identify, safeguard and intervene earlier with those at risk of being drawn into support for terrorism and radicalisation. It is anticipated that this will be achieved using existing services and systems rather than via new resources.

What is Extremism?

"Extremism is vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. We also include in our definition of extremism calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas" (HM Government Prevent Strategy 2011). **Radicalisation** is defined as the process by which people come to support terrorism and extremism and, in some cases, to then participate in terrorist groups.

St. Antony's Catholic Primary is clear that extremism and radicalisation should be viewed as safeguarding concerns. We value freedom of speech and the expression of beliefs and both pupils and all stakeholders have the right to speak freely and voice their opinions.

However, we are clear that any manipulation or exploitation of the pupils in our school, through the normalisation of extreme views that could leave them vulnerable to radicalisation, will be responded to rigorously by the use of our safeguarding procedures and the involvement of our partner agencies.

Equality and Diversity

All developments are intended to ensure that no-one is treated in any way less favourably on the grounds of race, colour, national or ethnic or social origin, disability, gender, religion/belief or political/ other personal beliefs.

What to look out for

Warning signs:

- Attendance drops or pupils missing from education.
- Identity crisis re: family tension, social, religion, acute marginalisation or sense of victimisation.

Other family, community or social factors:

- Older sibling or family members involved in extremism
- Reasons to believe child may be at risk of being targeted
- Evidence of access social media with extremist content

St Antony's and external agencies work with pupils and families to protect our pupils from extremist and violent views. St Antony's has an awareness of the various forms radicalisation takes and the Prevent Duty Strategy. All staff have been trained to recognise the signs and indicators of concern and respond appropriately. INSETs have been held to raise the awareness of prevent and further awareness training is being delivered across the school termly.

Evidence that pupils may be involved in extremism

- Interest in or use of extremist or hate crime terms
- Preaching extremist views
- Disseminating on/offline extremist material
- Actively recruiting for an extremist cause

School's Designated Lead for Prevent

The designated person responsible for co-ordinating all programmes falling under the Prevent portfolio is Jenella Baptiste.

The Role of the Designated Lead

- Manages the day to day operation of programmes and the implementation of the policy.
- Coordinates the provision for and manages the responses to pupils' interventions.
- Supports and advises colleagues.
- Oversees the records of all pupils who may be at risk of extremism and radicalisation.
- Acts as the link with parents.
- Acts as the link with external agencies and other support agencies.
- Monitors and evaluates provisions and reports to the Governing Body.
- Manages a range of resources, human and material, to enable appropriate provision for pupils at risk of extremism and radicalisation.
- Contributes to the professional development of all staff in terms of supporting those pupils at risk of extremism and radicalisation.
- Attends cluster group meetings and disseminates information to the staff.

The Role of the Governing Body

The Governing Body has due regard to the Code of Practice when carrying out its duties towards all pupils who may be at risk of extremism and radicalisation. The Governing Body has identified and instituted a designated governor to have specific oversight of the school's provision for pupils at this risk. This Governor ensures that all governors are aware of the school's provision in relation to this, including the deployment of funding, acquisition of equipment and deployment of staff/personnel to implement the Prevent Policy.

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As a member of staff at St. Antony's Catholic Primary I have participated in staff INSET training, read and understand 'How to Keep Children Safe in Education.'

I acknowledge that I have a duty of care to ensure that all children are protected. I am committed to being compliant with all the practise and procedures to this end.