



Prevention of Extremism and Radicalisation Policy

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Linked with other policies:

- Safeguarding Policy incorporating Child Protection
- Equality Statement
- Anti-Bullying
- ICT and Internet Acceptable Use
- Staff Code of Conduct
- Whistleblowing
- Attendance

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1. PURPOSE & AIMS

1.1 All Saints School is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all its students. We recognise that safeguarding against radicalisation and extremism is no different to safeguarding against any other vulnerability in today's society.

1.2 Our school fully recognises the contribution it can make to promoting the welfare of children and protecting them from harm. This policy sets out our strategies and procedures to protect vulnerable students from being radicalised or exposed to extremist views. The elements of our policy are prevention, protection and support.

1.3 At All Saints School, we will ensure that:

- All staff and volunteers, have an understanding of what radicalisation and extremism is and why we need to be vigilant in school.
- Through training, staff and volunteers will know what the school policy is on tackling extremism and radicalisation and how to respond when concerns arise.
- Through our curriculum, we will promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of students.
- Parents/carers and students will know that the school has policies in place to keep students safe from harm and that the school regularly reviews these systems to ensure they are appropriate and effective.

1.4 This policy applies to all students, staff, parents, volunteers and visitors.

1.5 A glossary of related terms and indicators of vulnerability to extremism can be found in Appendices 1 & 2 of this policy.

2. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 It is the responsibility of *every* member of staff, volunteer and regular visitor to our school to ensure that they carry out the requirements of this policy and, at all times, work in a way that will safeguard and promote the welfare of all of the students at this school.

2.2 The Directors of All Saints School are accountable for ensuring the effectiveness of this policy and our compliance with it. The Directors will ensure that:

- This policy is reviewed annually alongside our Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy.
- All staff undertake appropriate training that equips them with the skills to identify and respond appropriately to concerns regarding extremism and radicalisation.
- The Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead will assess the risk of students being drawn into extremist views. The risk assessment may include consideration of the school's curriculum, the use of school premises by external agencies and any other local issues relating to the school community.
- A broad curriculum is in place to deliver the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of students.

- Appropriate safeguarding arrangements are in place by working in partnership with other agencies and communities as required.
- There are systems in place for keeping students safe from extremist material when accessing the internet in our school by using effective filtering and usage policies.

2.3 The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) will carry out their role in accordance with the responsibilities outlined in Annex B of *'Keeping Children Safe in Education'*. As part of this responsibility, the DSL will act as the point of contact within our school for any concerns relating to radicalisation and extremism.

2.4 The DSL at All Saints School will make referrals in accordance with Norfolk Channel procedures to the MASH Team where appropriate and will represent our school at Channel meetings as required.

2.5 The DSL is responsible for ensuring that all staff members and volunteers are aware of our policy and the procedures they need to follow. They will ensure that all staff have received appropriate training.

3. TRAINING

3.1 Through training, we will ensure that all of our staff are made fully aware of the threats, risks and vulnerabilities that are linked to radicalisation. Staff will be able to identify children at risk of being drawn into extremism and develop the confidence to challenge extremist ideas. All staff will understand how we can provide support to ensure that our students are resilient and supported to resist involvement in radical or extreme activities.

3.2 The Directors will also undertake appropriate training to ensure they are able to carry out their duty to safeguard all of the children at our school.

4. THE ROLE OF THE CURRICULUM

4.1 At All Saints School we will provide students with a broad and balanced curriculum and promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development of our students. Students will be encouraged to regard people of all faiths, races and cultures with respect and tolerance.

4.2 Through our curriculum we will aim to:

- enable students to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence;
- enable students to distinguish right from wrong and to respect the civil and criminal law of England;
- encourage students to accept responsibility for their behaviour, show initiative, and to understand how they can contribute positively to the lives of those living and working in the locality of the school and to society more widely;
- enable students to acquire a broad general knowledge of and respect for public institutions and services in England;

- further tolerance and harmony between different cultural traditions by enabling students to acquire an appreciation of and respect for their own and other cultures;
- encourage respect for other people; and
- encourage respect for democracy and support for participation in the democratic processes, including respect for the basis on which the law is made and applied in England.

4.3 We will achieve this by using the “Your Life” course for PSHE and Citizenship and other PHSE and Citizenship materials.

5. VISITORS AND THE USE OF SCHOOL PREMISES

5.1 At All Saints School we recognise the role that external agencies and speakers can play in enhancing the learning experiences of our students. Where we use external agencies and individuals in this way, we will positively vet them to ensure that their messages are consistent with, and not in opposition to, the school’s values and ethos.

5.2 Our school will assess the suitability and effectiveness of input from external agencies or individuals to ensure that:

- Any messages communicated to students are consistent with the ethos of the school and do not marginalise any communities, groups or individuals;
- Any messages do not seek to glorify criminal activity or violent extremism or seek to radicalise students through extreme or narrow views of faith, religion or culture or other ideologies;
- Activities are properly embedded in the curriculum and clearly mapped to schemes of work to avoid contradictory messages or duplication;
- Activities are matched to the needs of students;
- Activities are carefully evaluated by schools to ensure that they are effective.

5.3 Any guest speakers or external agencies will be provided with a copy of our safeguarding procedures on arrival at the school and will be appropriately supervised at all times.

5.4 When an agreement is made to allow non-school groups or organisations to use the school premises, appropriate checks will be made before agreeing the contract. Usage will be monitored and in the event of any behaviour not in keeping with the Tackling Extremism and Radicalisation Policy, the school will contact the police and terminate the arrangement.

6. PROCEDURES FOR MANAGING CONCERNS

6.1 All Saints School adheres to the procedures that have been agreed locally through the Norfolk Children’s Safeguarding Board for safeguarding individuals vulnerable to extremism and radicalisation. Please also refer to our Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy for further information about our wider safeguarding responsibilities.

6.2 We recognise that staff at our school play a particularly important role as they are in a position to identify concerns early and provide help for children to prevent concerns from escalating. **All staff are advised to maintain an attitude of ‘it could happen here’ where safeguarding is concerned and this includes vulnerability to radicalisation.**

6.3 At all times we will work in partnership and endeavour to establish effective working relationships with parents, carers and colleagues from other agencies in line with Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015).

6.4 The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) should be used as a first point of contact any safeguarding concerns in our school. Any member of staff or visitor to the school who receives a disclosure of or suspects that a child is at risk of radicalisation must report it immediately to the DSL or, if unavailable, to the alternate designated person. In the absence of either of the above, the matter should be brought to the attention of the most senior member of staff.

6.5 Following receipt of any information raising concern about vulnerability to radicalisation, the DSL will consider what action to take and will follow the Norfolk Channel procedures by making a referral via the MASH as required. All information and actions taken, including the reasons for any decisions made, will be fully documented.

6.6 All Channel referrals will be made using the referral form that can be found at Appendix 3.

6.7 If an allegation is made or information is received about an adult who works in our setting which indicates that they may be unsuitable to work with children because of concerns relating to extremism and radicalisation, the member of staff receiving the information should inform the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher immediately in line with the procedures outlined in our Safeguarding Policy and the Whistleblowing Policy.

7. RELEVANT POLICIES

7.1 To underpin the values and ethos of our school and our intent to ensure that students at our school are appropriately safeguarded, the following policies should be read in conjunction with this policy:

- Safeguarding incorporating Child Protection Policy
- Anti-Bullying
- Equalities
- E-safety
- Health and Safety including site security
- Whistle-blowing

8. STATUTORY FRAMEWORK

8.1 This policy has been devised in accordance with the following legislation and local and national guidance:

- Norfolk Channel Procedures
- The Counter-Terrorism & Security Act 2015
- 'Prevent Duty Guidance: for England & Wales', HM Government (2015)
- ['The Prevent duty: Departmental advice for schools and childcare providers', DfE \(2015\)](#)
- ['Promoting fundamental British values as part of SMSC in schools: Departmental advice for maintained schools', DfE \(2014\)](#)
- ['Keeping Children Safe in Education', DfE \(2015\)](#)
- ['Working Together to Safeguard Children: A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children', DfE \(2015\)](#)
- ['Information Sharing: Advice for practitioners', DfE \(March 2015\)](#)

Further guidance on Prevent:

There are many organisations, groups and websites that provide resources to support schools with tackling radicalisation, extremism, intolerance, hate crime and other related topics.

- [educate.against.hate](#) is the Government website providing practical advice to parents, teachers and school leaders on protecting children from extremism and radicalisation. The website includes links to a range of useful resources, good practice examples and suggested curriculum content.
- [elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk](#) is a 45-minute, Home Office eLearning package designed for all school staff. It uses some of the video resources used in the WRAP sessions provided to Designated Safeguarding Leads.
- London Grid for Learning