



**Holy Trinity CE Primary School
Anti-Radicalisation Policy DRAFT 2023**

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed in full by the Governing Body every two years.

The policy was last reviewed and agreed by the Governing Body

It is due for review –

Signature

Date

Head Teacher

Signature

Date

Chair of Governors

Introduction.

The Governors of Holy Trinity CE School have made safeguarding an essential priority and are committed to make sure that the safeguarding of their children remains central to their work. For this reason, the principles of excellent safeguarding practice are interwoven within the Christian culture of Holy Trinity and every aspect of the school's work. This policy supports this commitment to safeguarding and should be read in conjunction with all school policies as appropriate.

It is every person's responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and it remains a principal concern to everyone within the school community.

Ethos and Aims of Holy Trinity CE School.

Our status as a Church of England school is fundamental to our ethos and purpose. We expect all our staff to support our Christian ethos and aims.

At Holy Trinity School we believe in the concept of lifelong learning and the idea that both adults and children learn new things every day. We maintain that learning should be a rewarding and enjoyable experience for everyone; it should be fun.

Our motto is:

Alta Pete – Aim High

The primary aim of the school is to help each pupil reach his or her full potential so that they may develop the attitudes, skills and knowledge to take full advantage of the opportunities available in their future lives.

We achieve this by:

- fostering the values, attributes and lifestyles that a Christian faith demands in the family, among friends, in the school and in the wider community.
- creating an environment for staff and pupils that is happy stimulating and supportive in which core values and beliefs of high expectations can flourish
- providing an appropriate balanced education designed to help each pupil reach their potential.
- ensuring that all staff have access to development opportunities in keeping with the needs of the school and individuals' expertise to enhance the educational opportunities for our children.
- providing effective management and organisation within the school to give clear guidance for its direction
- nurture the partnership role between School, Governors, Parents, Christ Church and the wider community for the benefit of the children we are jointly responsible for.

This Mission Statement underlines our fundamental aim to ensure all our pupils achieve success and reach their potential in all aspects of their development. Through our provision in safeguarding, care, guidance and support we work to ensure that our pupils' individual needs are identified and any barriers to learning (potential and /or real) are removed/reduced to assist them in reaching their potential in a safe environment and thereby increasing their future life chances.

These aims are revisited each year to ensure their relevance, statement on equality of opportunity and values are understood by all.

Holy Trinity CE 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 Holy Trinity CE 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) who 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. Furthermore, our positive promotion of our Golden Rules equips our pupils with the skills to reject violence in all its forms.

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:

- Pupils are encouraged to adopt and live out our aims and 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 collective worship, the curriculum and through the elected School Council members
- 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 DCSF 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 DCSF document ‘Learning together to be safe: A toolkit to help schools contribute to the prevention of violent extremism.’

This policy should be read alongside the school's Child Protection policies including Vulnerable Pupils Procedure, Equal Opportunities, ICT Acceptable Use and Anti-bullying policies.

PROCEDURES FOR REFERRALS

Although serious incidents involving radicalisation have not occurred at Holy Trinity 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 person via the Designated Senior Person for Child Protection (DSP), Sarah Chaloner.

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 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

Through INSET opportunities in school, we will ensure that our staff are fully aware of the threats, risks and vulnerabilities that are linked to radicalisation; are aware of the process of radicalisation and how this might be identified early on.

POLICY REVIEW

The Anti-Radicalisation policy statement will be reviewed (at least) every two years.