

Preventing Extremism and Radicalisation Policy

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Staff Handbook

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A. Related Truro School Prep and National Policies

This Policy should be read in conjunction with:

- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Online Safety Policy
- Prevent Duty and Guidance, HM Government 2015
- Keeping Children Safe in Education DfE 2015
- Promoting fundamental British Values as part of SMSC in schools DfE 2014
- The Prevent duty DfE 2015

B. Policy Statement

Truro Prep School is fully committed to providing a secure environment where pupils feel safe and are kept safe. All adults in our school recognise the importance of safeguarding young people and that it is everyone's responsibility irrespective of their role.

Tackling Extremism and Radicalisation is one element within the school's overall arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in our care. Procedures are in place to protect vulnerable individuals from being radicalised or exposed to extremist views.

C. Aims and Principles

The Truro School Prep Tackling Extremism and Radicalisation Policy is intended to provide a framework for dealing with issues relating to vulnerability, radicalisation and exposure to extreme views.

It is crucial that as a school we overcome disbelief that such issues will not happen and that the school works alongside other professional agencies to ensure our pupils are safe.

The school will actively promote awareness of the policy by:

- Making all teaching and non-teaching staff including volunteers, work experience placements, support coaches, peripatetic staff; aware of what radicalisation and extremism are and why vigilance is important when addressing and dealing with any issues;
- All children in our care will be made aware in an age appropriate way of the dangers of exposure to extremist views; encouraging resilience and embedding knowledge of what to do if they experience them;
- All parents and carers have access to the policy to enable them to access support or material to protect their children effectively.

D. 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 mind
- **Extremism** is defined as the holding of extreme political or religious views.

There are a number of behaviours which may indicate a child is at risk. These may include:

- Disclosure of exposure to extremist actions, views or materials of others outside of school;
- Graffiti symbols, writing or art work promoting extremist messages or images;
- Parental reports of changes in behaviour, style of dress or appearance to accord with a group;
- Use of extremist or 'hate' terms to exclude others or incite violence;
- Anti-Western or Anti-British views;
- Condoning or supporting violence towards others.

E. Procedures for referrals or concerns

If a member of the school community raises a concern that relates to a child being at risk of radicalisation or exposure to extremism the school will take the matter seriously and will follow Child Protection procedures. Early intervention is vital.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) will then follow up the referral and normal procedures will be adhered to.

If the DSL or deputy DSL are not available, then staff can consult the posters found in the staff room and staff workroom.

F. Preventative measures

- The school curriculum is broad and balanced and promotes respect, tolerance and diversity. Children are encouraged to share their views and recognise that they are entitled to have their own beliefs which should not be used to influence others. PSHE opportunities to discuss and become more resilient help to underpin a sense of security and well-being.

- Children are taught how to stay safe when using the internet. They are taught to seek support or help if they have experienced upset or concern when using the internet.
- Staff regularly have updates via training and meetings making them fully aware of radicalisation and extremism.
- All staff are required to complete an INSET event or on-line training.
- The school works closely with other partners and agencies to enhance positive network links (community groups, social care, police).
- External visitors to the school to deliver workshops or sessions with pupils sign in at reception. They are then accompanied by appropriate staff throughout the sessions.
- New user groups at the school, such as lettings groups, complete application forms and any publications they distribute are checked carefully
- The Board of Governors of the school will agree and support the school when tackling extremism and radicalisation.

Truro School Prep is aware that young people can be exposed to extremist influences or prejudiced views from an early age which emanate from a variety of sources and media and at times pupils may reflect or display discriminatory, prejudiced or derogatory language. If this occurs, it will be challenged and where appropriate dealt with in line with the school Behaviour Policy.

It is also important that Truro School Prep will ensure that no individual or group will be in any position of being disenfranchised or unfairly discriminated.

The school promotes a harmonious culture where every child and adult feels safe and valued.