

## **Rothersthorpe CE Primary School**



### **Statement on Preventing Radicalisation**

This Prevent Strategy has been written in response to and in line with government guidance and forms part of the government's counter terrorism strategy which seeks to:

- Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and aspects of extremism, and the threat faced from those who promote these views
- Provide practical help to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure they are given appropriate advice and support
- Work with a wide range of sectors where there are risks of radicalisation which need to be addressed, including education, criminal justice, faith, charities, the internet and health

All schools are required by law to teach a broad and balanced curriculum which promotes the spiritual, moral and cultural development of students and prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life.

The purpose of this Prevent Strategy is to protect pupils from harm and to ensure that they are taught in a way that is consistent with the law and British values. To this end it acts to;

- Raise awareness
- Provide information
- Enable learners to make a positive contribution
- Safeguard young people

#### **Risk**

The current threat from extremism and radicalisation in the UK can include the exploitation of vulnerable people, to involve them in terrorism or in activity in support of terrorism. The normalisation of extreme views may also make children and young people vulnerable to future manipulation and exploitation. Rothersthorpe Primary School is clear that this exploitation and radicalisation should be viewed as a safeguarding concern and that both Staff and Governors, under their duty of care for pupils, have explicit responsibilities to safeguard pupils from the risk of falling under the influence of extremist groups and individuals and potentially even being drawn into terrorism. The Staff are alert to the potential dangers of institutional complacency and/or suspended professional disbelief – 'it could not happen here' – and will put in place strategies to ensure that governors, staff, parents and pupils understand the potential threat and are aware of the indicators of vulnerability.

In discharging this duty of care, the School seeks to protect children and young people against the messages of all violent extremism delivered using any means or medium to express views which:

- Encourage, justify or glorify political, religious, sexist or racist violence
- Belong to rigid and narrow ideologies that are intolerant of diversity and so leave those who hold them vulnerable to future radicalisation
- Seek to provoke others to terrorist acts
- Encourage other serious criminal activity or seek to provoke others to serious criminal acts
- Foster hatred which might lead to inter-community violence in the UK.

Northamptonshire has been identified as a Tier 3, low-risk area with some examples of Far Right and Islamic extremism in the past.

### **What has already been done to address this risk?**

At our school, children participate in a curriculum that promotes active learning and develops critical personal thinking skills. The focus on active learning and questioning enables pupils to explore social and emotional aspects of learning throughout the curriculum. Our School actively promotes diversity and shared values between our school and local communities. We do this by celebrating our own school and Christian values. These values form the basis of our pupils understanding of wider communities and there are numerous academic and pastoral opportunities that embed this ethos.

Our school challenges all prejudices recognising pupils who are at risk of isolation. The emphasis on safeguarding, care, school assemblies, PSHE scheme of work, school events and enrichment activities ensure that our school is a safe place to learn and socialise. Our schools seeks justice for inappropriate behaviour choices and use restorative approaches to repair harm when caused.

Our school has already undertaken a range of activities / initiatives to raise awareness of the issues with both staff and pupils and to ensure that the school community understands what to do and who to go to if they have any concerns around the potential radicalisation of a member of the school community. These include:

- The Designated Person for Safeguarding and Safeguarding Governor have attended the Prevent Strategy training
- All staff and Governors have completed on-line Prevent training
- A staff session on Prevent Training, designed to increase confidence in identifying pupils at risk of being drawn into terrorism
- IT filtering systems are used both passively to block users from accessing inappropriate websites/forums and proactively to identify the use of a library of key words by users of school equipment which can then be acted on quickly and effectively
- Our Headteacher, Mrs. Nicola Fountain has been identified to take the lead within the school for safeguarding in relation to protecting individuals from radicalisation and involvement in terrorism.
- Our 2016/17 Safeguarding Policy takes account of the Prevent Strategy and is available on the school website.
- Regular liaison with local organisations and religious leaders to ensure that good partnership links exist and that information is regularly shared

## **What we plan to do in the future?**

- Provide Prevent training for new staff/governors as part of their induction
- Provide awareness to parents and families
- Foster a climate that ensures that the whole school community takes the threat of radicalisation seriously

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## **Further information:**

Please come and talk to the school if you have any concerns or questions about our role in the wider UK PRVENT strategy.

DFE Guidance: [Preventing children from radicalisation](#)

Home Office: [Prevent duty guidance from England](#)

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