

Managing Extremism Statement

Akaal Primary School is committed to providing a secure environment for our pupils, where children feel safe and are kept safe. All personnel in school recognise that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility irrespective of the role they undertake or whether or not their role involves direct contact or responsibility for children.

As a school we recognise that extremism and exposure to extremist materials and influences can lead to poor outcomes for children and should be addressed as a safeguarding concern as set out in this Statement. We also recognise that if we fail to challenge extremist views, we are failing to protect our pupils.

This Managing Extremism Statement is one element within our overall school arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in line with our statutory duties as set out in the Education Act 2002.

The school accepts the following Governmental definition of extremism which 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; and / or calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas.

The full Government Prevent Strategy can be viewed at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/97976/prevent-strategy-review.pdf

There is no place for extremist views of any kind in our school, whether from internal sources (pupils, staff or governors) or external sources (school community, external agencies or individuals). Our pupils see our school as a safe place where they can explore controversial issues safely and where our teachers encourage and facilitate this – we have a duty to ensure this happens.

Extremists of all persuasions aim to develop destructive relationships between different communities by promoting division, fear and mistrust of others based on ignorance or prejudice and thereby limiting the life chances of young people. Education is a powerful weapon against this, equipping young people with the knowledge, skills and critical thinking to challenge and debate in an informed way. We will therefore ensure that our pupils are enriched, understand and accept difference and diversity and ensure that they thrive, feel valued and not marginalised.

We are aware that young people can be exposed to extremist influences or prejudiced views from an early age. These emanate from a variety of sources and media, and at times pupils may themselves reflect or display views that may be discriminatory, prejudiced or extremist, including using derogatory language.

Prejudice, discrimination or extremist views of any sort, including derogatory language displayed by pupils or staff will always be challenged and, where appropriate, dealt with in line with our Behaviour Policy or Code of Conduct.

As part of our wider safeguarding responsibilities school staff will be alert to:

- Disclosures by pupils of their exposure to the extremist actions, views or materials of others outside the school, such as in their homes or community groups, especially where pupils have not actively sought these out.
- Pupils accessing extremist material online, including through social networking sites.
- Parental reports of changes in behaviour, friendship or actions and requests for assistance.
- Partner schools, local authority services, and police reports of issues affecting pupils in other schools or settings.
- Pupils voicing opinions drawn from extremist ideologies and narratives.
- Use of extremist or “hate” terms to exclude others or incite violence.
- Intolerance of difference, whether secular or religious or, in line with our Equalities Policy, views based on, but not exclusive to, gender, disability, homophobia, race, colour or culture.
- Attempts to impose extremist views or practice on others.
- Anti-Western or Anti-British views.

Our school will closely follow the locally agreed procedure as set out by Derby City Council and our Safeguarding Committee’s agreed processes and criteria for safeguarding individuals vulnerable to extremism and radicalisation. In the event of concerns about a person becoming radicalised, consideration will be given to using the LA Channel process.

All staff should be familiar with the Channel process. More information can be found at:

Prevent Awareness: <http://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk>

Prevent Referrals (builds on the above programme and is designed to ensure that referral is robust and informed): <https://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk/preventreferrals>

At Akaal Primary School we will ensure that our teaching helps our pupils to recognise and build resilience to extremist views and gives pupils a positive sense of identity through the development of critical thinking skills. We will ensure that our staff are equipped to recognise extremism and are skilled and confident enough to challenge it.

Parental and Community Involvement

We will also work with local partners, families and communities in our efforts to ensure that our school understands and embraces our local context and values in challenging extremist views and to assist in the broadening of our pupils’ experiences and horizons.

Training

Whole school in-service training on Safeguarding, Child Protection and Prevent will be organised annually for staff and governors. The Designated Safeguarding Lead will attend training sessions as necessary to include extremism, radicalism and their safeguarding implications.

Role of the Governing Body

The Governing Body of the school will undertake appropriate training and will support the school in tackling extremism and radicalisation. In line with The DfE guidance “Keeping Children Safe in Education, 2020”, the Governing Body will challenge the school’s senior leadership team on the delivery of this policy and monitor its effectiveness. Governors will review this policy regularly and will take account of any legislative changes.

Reporting Process

The process for reporting concerns about extremism and radicalisation is detailed within our Safeguarding Policy and is repeated below:

Speak to the DSL/DDSL first to agree a course of action: if in exceptional circumstances the DSL is not available, this should not delay appropriate action being taken. Speak to a member of the senior leadership team and/or seek advice from Derby Social Care 01332 641172 (9-5) or 01332 786968 (other hours).

Where there is a concern, the DSL will consider the level of risk and decide to which agency to make a referral. This could include [Channel](#), the government's programme for identifying and supporting individuals at risk of being drawn into terrorism, or the local authority children's social care team. The LA Prevent Team can be contacted via email or mobile telephone:

Kyle.Hudson@derby.gov.uk	07867 461846
purjinder.gill@derby.gov.uk	07812 301218
Sally.Siner@derby.gov.uk	07765 222032

The Department for Education also has a dedicated telephone helpline, 020 7340 7264, which school staff and governors can call to raise concerns about extremism with respect to a pupil. You can also email counter.extremism@education.gov.uk. Note that this is not for use in emergency situations.

In an emergency, call 999 or the confidential anti-terrorist hotline on 0800 789 321 if you:

- Think someone is in immediate danger
- Think someone may be planning to travel to join an extremist group
- See or hear something that may be terrorist-related.

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