



Heathfield School

Preventing Extremism and Radicalisation

A guide for Parents and Carers



The purpose of this information

Over recent years, there has been growing concern nationally about extremism and radicalisation in schools. Schools have an important role to play in developing pupils' understanding of what it is to be British and to enable them to make informed decisions about their own beliefs.

The aim of the HM Government Prevent Strategy is to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

Heathfield School is committed to ensuring that all members of the school community are treated with tolerance and respect and that the children are safeguarded from extremist views and radicalisation.

All schools are required by law to teach a broad and balanced curriculum which promotes the spiritual, moral and cultural development of pupils and prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life. Schools are expected to actively promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Actively promoting means challenging opinions or behaviours in school that are contrary to fundamental British values.

Schools should:-

- Further tolerance and harmony between different cultural traditions to enable students to appreciate and respect their own and other cultures
- Encourage respect for other people
- Encourage respect for democracy

It is expected that pupils should understand that whilst different people may hold different views about what is right and wrong, all people living in England are subject to its laws.

At Heathfield School this will be delivered at levels appropriate to children's developmental levels through the PDL curriculum.

All adults in school have a duty to safeguard children from extremism and violent views in the same ways they help to safeguard children from drugs, violence or alcohol.

All staff will be alert to:

- Children expressing extremist views
- Disclosures by children of their exposure to extremist actions, materials and views of others
- Graffiti symbols, writing or art work promoting extremist messages or images
- Children accessing extremist material on line
- 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 setting
- Use of extremist or "hate" terms to exclude others or incite violence
- Intolerance of difference:-secular or religious, gender, disability, homophobia, race, colour or culture
- Children articulating anti-western or anti-British views

Staff will be vigilant of internet use ensuring that action is taken to try to remove harmful or unlawful content

Staff will report to the Heathfield School Safeguarding lead any concerns that may then be reported to "Channel" a Police co-ordinated multi-agency partnership.

How can parents support their children and the school?

As parents, you can support the school by ensuring that all members of the school community are treated with tolerance and respect and that children are safeguarded from extremist views and radicalisation by:-

- Ensuring that adults around the child promote tolerance and respect and do not express extremist views
- Speak to your child about events in the media in a balanced way and making links to fundamental values e.g. democracy and the rule of the law
- Making school staff aware of any concerns in respect of your child, other children or other members of the school community

If you have any queries regarding this information or would like to share concerns please contact the school on 01329 845150

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