

Promoting British Values and Preventing Radicalisation

The government's Department for Education has highlighted the significant risks from extremist viewpoints that school children may face in their everyday lives. A comprehensive document was published in July 2015 - [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#) - and the Governors of St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School take seriously their duty to promote and safeguard the welfare of children as set out in this document (our PREVENT duty).

In recent years, it has become even more important to promote fundamental British values and recognise radicalisation that puts young people at risk of significant harm.

At St Bernadette's, our mission is to Achieve (to encourage children to achieve their full potential), Believe (to give children a solid foundation of faith and Christian example) and Care (to put our faith into practice in the way we treat each other and care for our world). Christ and teaching of the Catholic Church is at the centre of all that we do. The Headteacher, the staff and the governors are committed to ensuring that our pupils are offered a broad and balanced curriculum that prepares them for life in modern Britain. In addition, we will be vigilant in acknowledging the current threat from groups that promote terrorism and violent extremism so that we are better able to safeguard children from being drawn into extreme ideologies that support terrorism.

Prevent Duty for Our School

1) Promoting British Values

In practice, we will continue to strengthen and enrich our catholic ethos of care, tolerance and respect whilst providing opportunities for our children to experience:

- Democracy - how democracy works in Britain and in school
- The Rule of Law - honesty, fairness, firmness, rewards, sanctions
- Individual Liberty - making choices, expressing views, dealing with bullying
- Mutual Respect - celebrating unique identity, taking part, having a voice
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs - deepening understanding of modern Britain and the wider world

Staffordshire County Council has issued further helpful guidance on providing spiritual, moral, social and cultural education (SMSC).

Through our provision of SMSC, we will:

- enable our pupils to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence;*
- enable our pupils to distinguish right from wrong and to respect the civil and criminal law of England;*
- encourage our pupils to accept responsibility for their behaviour, show initiative, and to understand how they can contribute positively to the lives of those living and working in the locality of the school and to society more widely;*
- enable our pupils to acquire a broad general knowledge of and respect for public institutions and services in England;*
- further develop tolerance and harmony between our country's different cultural traditions by enabling our pupils to acquire an appreciation of and respect for their own and other cultures;*
- encourage respect for other people; and encourage respect for democracy and support for participation in the democratic processes, including respect for the basis on which the law is made and applied in England*
- We will ensure that our curriculum includes activities appropriate to the age and development of our pupils that will help to prepare them positively for life in modern Britain and the detail for this will be found in our curriculum planning.*

2) Preventing Radicalisation

Staff and Governor representatives have undertaken training so that they can recognise pupils at risk of serious harm and follow protocols as laid out by Staffordshire County Council, Entrust, Staffordshire Safeguarding Children's Board and Staffordshire Prevent Police Team.

Extremism and Vulnerability

A very small minority of young people may be susceptible to being drawn into extremism, particularly through on-line activity. Extremism can take different forms and show itself in different ideologies. It shows itself in active and vocal opposition to fundamental British values and promotes hatred.

To fulfil Prevent duties, we will:

- Adhere to rigorous Safe Recruitment procedures
- Adhere to safeguarding checks for all staff
- Ensure that visiting speakers/volunteers do not present risk
- Ensure that all checks and blocks are in place to ensure e-safety in school and actively work with parents to promote e-safety at home
- Undertake further staff/governor updates to deliver our Prevent duty in school

- Be aware of indicators of vulnerability in young people - for example, extremist influence, possession of extremist literature, rebellion against school rules, sympathy for extremist causes, intolerance of difference, advocating violence towards others, families at risk, questioning school ethos
- Make checks about any worrying changes in behaviour, discuss concerns with colleagues and safeguarding lead person, seek outside advice if concern escalates, follow Prevent protocols as advised

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