



# *St Anne's RC Primary*

*'We Grow Together in God's Love'*

## Prevent Policy

### **Mission Statement**

We grow together as a Catholic Faith Community, as we follow and promote Gospel values in all we do. We grow together in wisdom, as we encourage each child to achieve their full potential, academically, spiritually and socially and in a spirit of confidence. We grow together in respect, friendship and responsibility, as we reach out to those in our wider community.

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### **Statement of Intent**

At St. Anne's, we believe that the protection of our children is an integral part of the ethos of the school. We seek to create an atmosphere in which children are recognised as unique and precious children of God. We seek to create a culture of openness and security where children are confident to talk to adults and are confident that they will be listened to.

### **Preventing Radicalisation - Introduction**

The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on specified authorities, including local authorities and childcare, education and other children's services providers, in the exercise of their functions, to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism ("the Prevent duty"). Young people can be exposed to extremist influences or prejudiced views, in particular those via the internet and other social media. Schools can help to protect children from extremist and violent views in the same ways that they help to safeguard children from child sexual exploitation, drugs, gang violence or alcohol.

Oldham's safeguarding arrangements for preventing involvement in terrorism or extremism leading to terrorism are aligned with existing safeguarding arrangements for children and vulnerable adults. Channel is embedded within these and in doing so, takes account of and complies with the requirements of the statutory duty.

### **The Prevent Strategy**

The Prevent strategy aims to protect vulnerable people from being drawn into terrorism. While it remains rare for children and young people to become involved in terrorist activity, young people from an early age can be exposed to terrorist & extremist influences or prejudiced views. We recognise that as with other forms of safeguarding strategies, early intervention is always preferable. Our school is committed to working with other local partners, families and communities, and we will play a key role in ensuring young people and their communities are safe from the threat of terrorism.

## **Aims of the Prevent Policy**

The aim of the Prevent Strategy is to reduce the threat to the UK from terrorism by stopping people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. The Strategy was explicitly changed in 2011 to deal with all forms of terrorism and with non-violent extremism, which can create an atmosphere conducive to terrorism and can popularise views which terrorists can exploit.

## **Objectives**

1. To prevent pupils and those working in school from being radicalised and drawn into extremism
2. To take appropriate action to protect children from harm
3. To be alert to harmful behaviour by other adults
4. To ensure that pupils use the internet safely and to encourage parents to be alert and vigilant to the dangers their children might face.
5. To ensure that staff and pupils report any concerns to the headteacher immediately.
6. To build strong links with the appropriate outside agencies so that where the school needs specialist help and support it will be activated promptly.
7. To be vigilant for any signs of peer to peer bullying and intimidation that might be aimed at radicalisation.

## **Strategies**

1. To continue to promote community cohesion and teach children fundamental British values.
2. To work in partnership with parents to prevent children from being radicalised and drawn into extremism
3. To ensure that all staff are alert to recognise signs that pupils are in danger of being radicalised and drawn into extremism
4. To to teach a broad and balanced curriculum which promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils and to prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life.
5. To ensure that through teaching pupils about the importance of keeping safe that they are alerted to those who might wish to do them harm by radicalising them or drawing them into extremism.
6. By raising awareness of safe use of the internet both in school and at home that pupils are alerted to those who would wish to harm them.
7. To provide awareness raising training for the staff so that they use this policy appropriately.

## **Sharing your concerns**

As with other safeguarding issues, if the worker is still concerned that the person or their family may be at risk, then that concern should in the first instance be shared with the organisation's safeguarding lead(DSL)/Prevent Single Point of Contact (SPOC). DSL: Mrs A Wainwright. Deputy DSL: Mrs B Jones and Mrs L. Holt

If the concerns about an individual are not serious, the safeguarding lead / Prevent SPOC may decide that appropriate action can be taken within the organisation to address the

issue. Once the action has been undertaken, a review should be undertaken to assess whether the concern still remains.

Initial concerns raised about an individual will, in many instances, be appropriately managed internally within the organisation without the need for multi-agency intervention. However, if a multi-agency response is considered necessary, then a referral detailing the concerns should be shared with the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).

### **Making a referral**

The safeguarding lead should offer advice and guidance about the appropriateness of making a referral and gather additional information to help understand the issue.

If necessary, the safeguarding lead can have an initial discussion with the local authority Prevent lead in advance of a referral being submitted.

In the event that the safeguarding lead believe that the concerns relating to an individual are more significant and require a multi-agency response, a completed assessment form must be emailed in the first instance to the relevant safeguarding team as follows:

- Children: [child.mash@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:child.mash@oldham.gov.uk)
- Adults: [adult.mash@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:adult.mash@oldham.gov.uk)

There is an on-line safeguarding referral form at <http://www.oldham.gov.uk/mash>

The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub can be contacted on 0161 770 7777 during working hours.

All telephone referrals resulting in the requirement for a multi-agency response must be followed up in writing. Where an assessment has already been undertaken (e.g. Early Help assessment) this may be used instead, providing that all the relevant information has been collected.

### **Advice and Support**

If you are worried that a child or young person in Oldham is at risk of being radicalised by people who are involved in, or support, terrorism, please contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub to report your concern on:

- 0161 770 7777 (Monday – Friday, 8.40am – 5.00pm)
- 0161 770 6936 (at all other times)

### **Other Policies**

This policy has been written in conjunction with the school's Safeguarding Policy

### **Review**

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Next Review: September 2024