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Catholic Multi Academy Trust



# The Federation of All Saints and St. Margaret's CVA

## Tackling Extremism and Radicalisation Policy

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This policy should be read in line with the following policies:

- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Equalities Information and Objectives
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Positive behaviour management policy
- Online safety policy
- Prevent Strategy – HM Government
- Keeping Children safe in Education 2020
- Working together to safeguard children 2020

## **Policy Statement**

The Federation of All Saints and St. Margaret's Catholic Voluntary Academy (henceforth known as the Federation) is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all its pupils. Every member of staff recognises that safeguarding against radicalisation and extremism is no different to safeguarding against any other vulnerability in today's society. The Tackling Extremism and Radicalisation Policy set out our beliefs, strategies and procedures to protect vulnerable individuals from being radicalised or exposed to extremist views by identifying who they are and promptly providing them with support.

## **Aims and Principles**

- 1.1 The Federation's Tackling Extremism and Radicalisation policy is intended to provide a framework for dealing with issues relating to vulnerability, radicalisation and exposure to extreme views. We recognise that we are well placed to be able to identify safeguarding issues and this policy clearly sets out how the school will deal with such incidents and identifies how the curriculum and ethos underpins our actions.
- 1.2 The objectives are that:
  - All Teachers, teaching assistants, non-teaching staff and governors will have an understanding of what radicalisation and extremism is and why we need to be vigilant in school.
  - All teachers, teaching assistants, non-teaching staff and governors will know what the school policy is on tackling extremism and radicalisation, and will follow the policy guidance swiftly when issues arise.
  - All pupils will understand the dangers of radicalisation and exposure to extremist views; building resilience against these and knowing what to do if they experience them.
  - All parents/carers and pupils will know that the school has policies in place to keep pupils safe from harm and that the school regularly reviews its systems to ensure they are appropriate and effective.
- 1.3 The main aims of this policy are to ensure that the staff are fully engaged in being vigilant about radicalisation; that they overcome professional disbelief that such issues will not happen here and ensure that we work alongside other professional bodies and agencies to ensure that our pupils are safe from harm.
- 1.4 There are a number of behaviours which may indicate a child is at risk of being radicalised or exposed to extreme views. These include;
  - Spending increasing time in the company of other suspected extremists.
  - Changing their style of dress or personal appearance to accord with the group.

- Day-to-day behaviour becoming increasingly centred on an extremist ideology, group or cause.
- Loss of interest in other friends and activities not associated with the extremist ideology, group or cause.
- Possession of materials or symbols associated with an extremist cause.
- Attempts to recruit others to the group/cause.
  - Communications with others that suggests identification with a group, cause or ideology.
- Using insulting to derogatory names for another group. • Increase in prejudice-related incidents committed by that person – these may include;
  - physical or verbal assault or provocative behaviour
  - damage to property
  - derogatory name calling
  - possession of prejudice-related materials
  - prejudice related ridicule or name calling
  - inappropriate forms of address
  - refusal to co-operate
  - attempts to recruit to prejudice-related organisations
  - condoning or supporting violence towards others

## **Procedures for Referrals**

- 2.1 All members of the teaching staff have received training to be a Designated Safeguarding Leads. The Head Teacher Mrs Beaumont is the Senior Safeguarding Lead and Mr Steane is the Deputy Safeguarding lead. They will deal swiftly with any referrals made by staff or with concerns reported by staff or other persons in the school.
- 2.2 The Head teacher will discuss the most appropriate course of action on a case by case basis and will decide when a referral to external agencies is needed.
- 2.3 As with any child protection referral, staff must be made aware that if they do not agree with a decision not to refer, they can made the referral themselves and will be given the contact details to do this via the safeguarding board in the staff room.

## **Visitors and Users of the School**

- 3.1 If any member of staff wishes to invite a visitor into the school, they must first seek authorisation from the Head Teacher. Only after agreement from the Head Teacher can the visitor enter the school and then they will be subject to safeguarding checks including DBS checks and photo identification, as appropriate and necessary. Children are NEVER left unsupervised with external visitors, regardless of safeguarding check outcomes.
- 3.2 On arriving at the school, all visitors including contractors, will sign in and read the Safeguarding guidance and be made aware of who the Designated Safeguarding Leads are and how to report any concerns which they may experience.
- 3.3 If any agreement is made to allow non-school groups or organisations to use the premises, appropriate checks will be made before agreeing the contract. Usage will be monitored and in the event of any behaviour not in-keeping with the Tackling Extremism and Radicalisation Policy, the school will contact the Police and terminate the contract.