

What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding is our duty of care to minimise the risk of harm to children regardless of their age, gender, religion or ethnicity.

The purpose of Waterhouses CE Primary and Academy safeguarding policy is to provide a secure framework for our staff in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the pupils who attend our school.

The policy aims to ensure that:

- All our pupils are safe and protected from harm
- Policies and guidelines are in place to enable our pupils to feel safe and adopt safe practices
- Staff, pupils, governors, visitors, volunteers, parents and carers are aware of the expected behaviours and the school's legal responsibilities in relation to safeguarding and promoting the safety and well-being of all our pupils

PREVENT is part of our Safeguarding procedures



What is PREVENT:

Protecting children from extremism and radicalisation

From 1 July 2015, all schools have become subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, in the exercise of their functions, to have 'due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'. This duty is known as the ***Prevent Duty for Schools***.

The statutory guidance refers to the importance of ***Prevent*** awareness training to equip staff to identify children at risk of being drawn into terrorism and to challenge extremist ideas.

Preventing extremism and radicalisation strategy

We take seriously our duty contained in the Counterterrorism and Security Act (2015), to prevent pupils and those working in school from being radicalised or drawn into extremism. We follow the advice contained within the Prevent Duty (June 2015) in conjunction with the other duties, which we already have for keeping children safe in school.

Waterhouses CE Primary Academy and Nursery is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all its pupils. As a school we recognise that safeguarding against radicalisation is no different from safeguarding against any other vulnerability. All staff are expected to uphold and promote the fundamental principles of British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

The main aims of this policy statement are to ensure that 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. The principal objectives are that:

- All staff will have an understanding of what radicalisation and extremism are and why we need to be vigilant in school.
- All staff will know what the school policy is on anti-radicalisation and extremism and will follow the policy when issues arise.
- All parents 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.

Radicalisation is defined as the act or process of making a person more radical or favouring of extreme or fundamental changes in political, economic or social conditions, institutions or habits of the mind. Extremism is defined as the holding of extreme political or religious views.

It is important for us to be constantly vigilant and remain fully informed about the issues which affect the region in which we teach. Staff are reminded to suspend any professional disbelief that instances of radicalisation 'could not happen here' and to refer any concerns through the appropriate channels (currently via the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Headteacher).

Waterhouses CE Primary Academy and Nursery's curriculum promotes respect, tolerance and diversity. We are committed to ensuring that our pupils are offered a broad and balanced curriculum that aims to prepare them for life in modern Britain. Children are encouraged to share their views and recognise that they are entitled to have their own different beliefs which should not be used to influence others. Our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) provision is embedded across the curriculum, and underpins the ethos of the school.

Teaching the schools core values alongside fundamental British Values supports quality teaching and learning, whilst making a positive contribution to the development of a fair, just and civil society.

Children are regularly taught about how to stay safe when using the Internet and are encouraged to recognise that people are not always who they say they are online.

They are taught to seek adult help if they are upset or concerned about anything they read or see on the Internet.

As the summer holidays are approaching your children may spend time on the internet, please see below points on how to protect your child from any form of extremism.

- Encourage your child to show an interest in the local community and show respect for people from all faiths and backgrounds
- Help your child to understand the dangers of becoming involved in situations about which they may not have the full information

- Teach them that expressing strong views and trying to change things for the better is fine but they should not take action against others or support those that do
- Be aware of your child's online activity and update your knowledge
- Know what social media and messaging sites your child uses
- Remind your child that people they contact over the internet may be pretending to be someone else or telling them things that are not true
- Explain that anyone who tells them to keep secrets from their family or teachers is likely to be trying to do them harm or put them in danger.

Please find below a list of websites if you need support:

- www.internetmatters.org

Website has lots of information, advice and resources which can be used to help children stay safe online

- <http://www.ceop.gov.uk>

CEOP works with child protection partners across the UK and overseas to identify the main threats to children and coordinates activity against these threats to bring offenders to account, protecting children from harm online and offline

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/0/>

Information and support for safe use of the internet

- For more advice on cyber safety visit:

<http://www.childline.org.uk>

<http://www.cybersmile.org>

<http://www.childnet.com/>

Thank you for taking the time to read this information.

Kind regards Joy Hulme DSL