



## Freshford Church of England Primary School Anti-Radicalisation Policy Statement

### **ETHOS**

Freshford C of E Primary School 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.

We ensure that through our school vision, values, rules, curriculum and teaching that we 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 governing body also ensures that this ethos is reflected and implemented effectively in school policy and practice and that there are effective risk assessments in place to safeguard and promote students' welfare.

We recognise that we have a duty to prepare our children for life in modern Britain and to keep them safe, and that pupils who attend our school have the right to learn in safety. We do not tolerate bullying of any kind and will challenge derogatory language and behaviour towards others.

Children are regularly taught about how to stay safe when using the internet and are encouraged to seek adult help if they are upset or concerned about anything they read or see on the Internet.

### **LINKS TO OTHER POLICIES**

The Freshford C of E Primary School Anti-Radicalisation policy statement links to the following policies:

- Child Protection and Safeguarding
- Anti-bullying policy
- Positive Behaviour policy
- Public Sector Equality Duty information

### **AIMS AND PRINCIPLES**

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 principle objectives are that:



- All governors, teachers, teaching assistants and non-teaching staff will have an understanding of what radicalisation and extremism are and why we need to be vigilant in school.
- All governors, teachers, teaching assistants and non-teaching 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.

### **DEFINITIONS AND INDICATORS**

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.

### **PROCEDURES FOR REFERRALS**

Although serious incidents involving radicalisation have not occurred at Freshford School to date, it is important for us to be constantly vigilant and remain fully informed about these issues. Staff are reminded to suspend any professional disbelief that instances of radicalisation 'could not happen here' and to refer any concerns to the Headteacher.

The Headteacher will deal swiftly with any referrals made by staff or with concerns reported by staff by considering the most appropriate course of action on a case-by-case basis and deciding when a referral to external agencies is needed

### **STAFF TRAINING**

Through INSET opportunities in school, we will ensure that our staff are fully aware of the threats, risks and vulnerabilities that are linked to radicalisation, are aware of the process of radicalisation and how this might be identified early on.

### **POLICY REVIEW**

The Anti-Radicalisation policy statement will be reviewed annually as part of the overall Child Protection and Safeguarding policy review.

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