

Colham Manor



Primary School

**STATEMENT ON PREVENTING
EXTREMISM/RADICALISATION**

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Extremism

Since 2010 when the Government published the 'Prevent Strategy', there has been an awareness of the specific need to safeguard children, young people and families from violent extremism. There have been occasions in which extremist groups have attempted to radicalise vulnerable children and young people to hold extremist views including views justifying political, religious, sexist or racist violence, or to steer them into a rigid and narrow ideology that is intolerant of diversity and leaves them vulnerable to future radicalisation.

The school seeks to protect children and young people against the messages of all violent extremism including, but not restricted to, those linked to Islamic ideology, or to the Far Right / Neo Nazi / White Supremacist Ideology, Irish nationalists and Loyalist parliamentary groups and extremist Animal Rights Movements.

The school Governors, Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) will assess the level of risk within the school and put actions into place to reduce the risk. Risk assessments may include the use of the school premises by external agencies, visitors to the school, anti-bullying statement and other issues specific to the school's profile, community and philosophy.

As part of our safeguarding ethos we encourage pupils to respect the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. We ensure that partisan political views are not promoted in the teaching of any subject in the school and where political issues are brought to the attention of the pupils, reasonably practicable steps have been taken to offer a balanced presentation of opposing views to pupils.

The Teacher Standards state that teachers should:

- Show tolerance of and respect for the rights of others.
- Not undermine fundamental British values.

- Ensure that personal beliefs are not expressed in ways that exploit pupils' vulnerability or might lead them to break the law.

It is the responsibility of the Headteacher and Governors to:

- Effectively manage potential risks to pupils and the wider school community.
- Respond effectively to local, national and global events which could have an impact on individual pupils or the school community.
- Regularly review emergency plans and procedures to prepare for future events and risks.

If we have a concern about a particular pupil we will follow the school's normal safeguarding procedures, including discussing with the school's designated safeguarding lead, and where deemed necessary, with children's social care. In Prevent priority areas, the local authority will have a Prevent lead who can also provide support. In Hillingdon this is:

Fiona Gibbs – 018955277035 / e-mail - fgibbs@hillingdon.gov.uk

We may also contact the local police force or dial 101 (the non-emergency number). They can talk to us in confidence about concerns and help us gain access to support and advice.

The Department for Education has dedicated a telephone helpline (020 7340 7264) to enable staff and governors to raise concerns relating to extremism directly. Concerns can also be raised by email to counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk. Please note that the helpline is not intended for use in emergency situations, such as a child being at immediate risk of harm or a security incident. In an emergency situation we will follow the recommended emergency procedures.

Should staff be aware of any extremist attitudes expressed by any members of the school community, they should report the matter to the DSL / Headteacher and complete the concern form in the 'Extremist Attitudes Log' which is contained in the school office. It is the responsibility of the Headteacher to review any such incidents and seek advice and guidance from the LA Designated Officer:

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