

Orchard Community Primary School



Extremism & Radicalisation Policy

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Signed..... Chair of Governors

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1. POLICY STATEMENT

Orchard Primary School is fully committed to providing a secure environment for pupils, where pupils feel safe and are kept safe. All adults at Orchard recognise that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility irrespective of the role they undertake or whether their role has direct contact or responsibility for pupils or not.

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 sets 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.

2. LINKS TO OTHER POLICIES

At Orchard, we are clear that any exploitation of children, to involve them in terrorism or in activity in support of terrorism, or radicalisation of children should be viewed as a safeguarding concern and that protecting children from the risk of radicalisation is part of the school's safeguarding duty.

For this reason, this policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies:

- Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy
- Equality Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Positive Behaviour Management Policy
- E-Safety Policy
- PREVENT Strategy HM Gov
- Keeping Children Safe in Education DfE
- Working Together to Safeguard Children HM Gov

Legislation and regulation

The duty to prevent children and young people being radicalised is set out in the following documents:

- Counter Terrorism and Security Act (2015)
- PREVENT Strategy HM Government & Prevent Duty Guidance (2015)
- Keeping Children Safe in Education DfE
- Working Together to Safeguard Children HM Government

3. AIMS AND PRINCIPLES

3.1 There is no place for extremist views of any kind in our organisation, whether from internal sources – pupils, staff or governors, or external sources - external agencies or individuals. Our pupils see our school as a safe place where they can explore controversial issues safely and where our teachers encourage and facilitate this – we have a duty to ensure this happens.

We recognise that extremism and exposure to extremist materials and influences can lead to poor outcomes for pupils and so should be addressed as a safeguarding concern as set out in this policy. We also recognise that if we fail to challenge extremist views we are failing to protect our pupils.

Extremists of all persuasions aim to develop destructive relationships between different communities by promoting division, fear and mistrust of others based on ignorance or prejudice and thereby limiting the

life chances of young people. Education is a powerful weapon against this; equipping young people with the knowledge, skills and critical thinking, to challenge and debate in an informed way.

Therefore, at Orchard, we will provide a broad and balanced curriculum, delivered by skilled professionals, so that our pupils are enriched, understand and become tolerant of difference and diversity and thrive, feel valued and not marginalized.

The Orchard Primary School Tackling Extremism and Radicalisation Policy is intended to provide a framework for dealing with issues relating to vulnerability, radicalisation and exposure to extreme views.

3.2 The 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, TAs and non-teaching staff 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.

3.3 The main aims of this policy are to ensure that staff are fully engaged in being vigilant about radicalization and equip them with the skills to be able to work alongside other professional bodies and agencies to ensure that our pupils are safe from harm.

4. DEFINITIONS AND INDICATORS

4.1 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.

4.2 Extremism is defined as the holding of extreme political or religious views. In the 2011 Prevent Strategy, extremism is also described as the vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.

4.3 There are a number of behaviours which may indicate a child is at risk of being radicalised or exposed to extreme views (see Appendix 3).

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
 - 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.

5. PROCEDURES FOR REFERRALS

5.1 Although serious incidents involving radicalisation have not occurred at Orchard Primary School to date, it is important for us to be constantly vigilant and remain fully informed about the issues which affect the local area, city and society in which we teach. Staff are reminded to suspend any 'professional disbelief' that instances of radicalisation 'could not happen here' and to be 'professionally inquisitive' where concerns arise, referring any concerns through the appropriate channels. (See Appendix 1 – Dealing with referrals)

As part of wider safeguarding responsibilities school staff will therefore be alert to:

- Disclosures by pupils of their exposure to the extremist actions, views or materials of others outside of school, such as in their homes or community groups, especially where pupils have not actively sought these out.
- Graffiti symbols, writing or art work promoting extremist messages or images
- Pupils accessing extremist material online, including through social networking sites
- Parental reports of changes in behaviour, friendship or actions and requests for assistance
- Local schools, Local Authority services, and police reports of issues affecting pupils in other schools or settings
- Pupils voicing opinions drawn from extremist ideologies and narratives
- Use of extremist or 'hate' terms to exclude others or incite violence
- Intolerance of difference, whether secular or religious or, in line with our equalities policy, views based on, but not exclusive to, gender, disability, homophobia, race, colour or culture
- Attempts to impose extremist views or practices on others
- Anti-Western or Anti-British views

5.2 We believe that it is possible to intervene to protect people who are vulnerable. Early intervention is vital and staff must be aware of the established processes for front line professionals to refer concerns about individuals and/or groups. We must have the confidence to challenge, the confidence to intervene and ensure that we have strong safeguarding practices based on the most up-to-date guidance and best practice.

5.3 The Headteacher and Senior Teacher/SENCO are trained as Designated Senior Leaders for Child Protection and Safeguarding and will deal swiftly with any referrals made by staff or with concerns reported by staff.

5.4 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 (see Appendix 1 – Dealing with referrals).

5.5 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 make the referral themselves and will be given the contact details to do this via the safeguarding board in the staffroom.

6. GOVERNORS, LEADERS AND STAFF

6.1 The Head Teacher (Designated Safeguarding Lead) and Senior Teacher/SENCO (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) are the leaders for referrals relating to extremism and radicalization.

6.2 Staff are fully briefed about what to do if they are concerned about the possibility of radicalisation relating to a pupil, or if they need to discuss specific children whom they consider to be vulnerable to radicalisation or extremist views, and know the channels by which to make referrals.

Where there are concerns of extremism or radicalisation regarding school personnel, staff will be encouraged to make use of our internal systems to Whistle Blow or raise any issue in confidence. Please refer to the school's Whistle Blowing Policy.

6.3 The school will work in conjunction with external agencies to decide the best course of action to address concerns which arise.

6.4 Prejudicial behaviour can be a factor in radicalisation and extremism. With this in mind, Orchard Primary School has updated procedures for dealing with prejudicial behaviour, as outlined in the Positive Behaviour Policy and Equality Policy.

7. TEACHING APPROACHES & THE ROLE OF THE CURRICULUM

7.1 We will all strive to eradicate the myths and assumptions that can lead to some young people becoming alienated and disempowered, especially where the narrow approaches children may experience elsewhere may make it harder for them to challenge or question these radical influences.

This will be achieved by good teaching, primarily during PSHE lessons; but also by adopting the methods outlined in the Government's guidance 'Teaching approaches that help build resilience to extremism among young people' DfE 2011.

7.2 We will ensure that all of our teaching approaches help our pupils build resilience to extremism and give pupils a positive sense of identity through the development of critical thinking skills.

We will ensure that all of our staff are equipped to recognize extremism and are skilled and confident enough to challenge it.

We will be flexible enough to adapt our teaching approaches, as appropriate, so as to address specific issues that become relevant to the current issues of extremism and radicalisation. In doing so we will apply the methodologies following the three broad categories of:

- Making a connection with young people through good (teaching) design and a pupil centered approach;
- Facilitating a 'safe space' for dialogue; and
- Equipping our pupils with the appropriate skills, knowledge, understanding and awareness for resilience.

This approach will be embedded within the ethos of our school so that pupils know and understand what safe and acceptable behaviour is in the context of extremism and radicalisation.

7.3 This will work in conjunction with our schools approach to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils as defined in OfSTED's School Inspection Handbook and will include a programme of assemblies dedicated to promoting fundamental British values to help further promote this rounded development of our pupils.

7.4 Our Creative Curriculum is “broad and balanced”. We will promote the values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs. We will teach and encourage pupils to respect one another and to respect and tolerate difference, especially those of a different faith or no faith. 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. It is indeed our most fundamental responsibility to keep our pupils safe and prepare them for life in modern multi-cultural Britain and globally.

We also aim to build mutual respect and understanding and to promote the use of dialogue not violence as a form of conflict resolution. We will achieve this by using a curriculum that includes:

- Citizenship programmes
- Open discussion and debate
- Work on anti-violence and a restorative approach addressed throughout the curriculum and the behaviour policy
- Focused educational programmes.

7.5 Our PSHE provision is embedded across the curriculum. It directs our assemblies and underpins the ethos of the school. It is recognised that children with lower aspirations are more vulnerable to radicalisation and therefore we strive to equip our pupils with confidence, self-belief, respect and tolerance as well as setting high standards and expectations for themselves.

7.6 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.

7.7 We will also work with local partners, families and communities in our efforts to ensure our school understands and embraces our local context and values in challenging extremist views and to assist in the broadening of our pupil’s experiences and horizons.

We will help support pupils who may be vulnerable to such influences as part of our wider safeguarding responsibilities and where we believe a pupil is being directly affected by extremist materials or influences we will ensure that that pupil is offered mentoring. Additionally in such instances our school will seek external support from the Local Authority and/or local partnership structures working to prevent extremism.

8. STAFF TRAINING

8.1 Whole school in-service training on Safeguarding and Child Protection will be organised for staff every year and will, in part, include training on extremism and radicalisation and its safeguarding implications.

Through training opportunities in school, we will ensure that our staff are:

- fully aware of the threats, risks and vulnerabilities that are linked to radicalization
- aware of the process of radicalisation and how this might be identified early on
- aware of how we can provide support as a school to ensure that our children are resilient and able to resist involvement in radical or extreme activities. (See Appendix 2- Staff Training).

The Designated Safeguarding Lead will attend training courses as necessary.

9. EXTERNAL VISITORS/SPEAKERS AND THE USE OF SCHOOL PREMISES

9.1 At Orchard Primary School we encourage the use of external visitors or speakers to enrich the experiences of our pupils; however we will positively vet those external agencies, individuals or speakers who we engage to provide such learning opportunities or experiences for our pupils. Only after agreement from the Head Teacher can the visitor enter school and then they will be subject to Safeguarding Checks including DBS checks and photo identification.

Such vetting is to ensure that we do not unwittingly use agencies that contradict each other with their messages or that are inconsistent with, or are in complete opposition to, the school's values and ethos. We must be aware that in some instances the work of external agencies may not directly be connected with the rest of the school curriculum so we need to ensure that this work is of benefit to our pupils.

Children are never left unsupervised with external visitors, regardless of safeguarding check outcomes.

9.2 Our school will assess the suitability and effectiveness of input from external agencies or individuals to ensure that:

- Any messages communicated to pupils support fundamental British Values
- Any messages communicated to pupils are consistent with the ethos of the school and do not marginalise any communities, groups or individuals
- Any messages communicated to pupils do not seek to glorify criminal activity or violent extremism or seek to radicalise pupils through extreme or narrow views of faith, religion or culture or other ideologies
- Activities are properly embedded in the curriculum and clearly mapped to schemes of work to avoid contradictory messages or duplication
- Activities are matched to the needs of pupils

9.3 We recognise, however, that the ethos of our school is to encourage pupils to understand opposing views and ideologies, appropriate to their age, understanding and abilities, and to be able to actively engage with them in informed debate, and we may use external agencies or speakers to facilitate and support this.

Therefore by delivering a broad and balanced curriculum, augmented by the use of external sources where appropriate, we will strive to ensure our students recognise risk and build resilience to manage any such risk themselves where appropriate to their age and ability but also to help pupils develop the critical thinking skills needed to engage in informed debate.

9.4 Upon arriving at the school, visitors will be made aware of the child protection and safeguarding guidance, who the DSLs are and how to report any concerns which they may experience.

9.5 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.

10. RISK REDUCTION

The school governors, the Headteacher and the Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead will assess the level of risk within the school and put actions in place to reduce that risk. Risk assessment may include consideration of the school's RE Curriculum, SEND Policy, Assembly Policy, E Safety Policy, visiting speakers,

the use of school premises by external agencies, Anti-bullying Policy and other issues specific to the school's profile, community and philosophy.

The school will screen staff, visitors and volunteers to ensure that they will not deliver messages of extremism or radicalisation.

This risk assessment will be reviewed as part of the annual report to governors.

11. POLICY REVIEW

This policy was considered and adopted by Orchard's Management & Finance Committee in line with their overall duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils as set out in the DfE guidance 'Keeping Pupils Safe in Education'. Parents will be issued with a hard copy of this policy on request. This policy will also be made available to parents via the school website.

The policy will be reviewed every three years and may be amended and adopted outside of this timeframe in accordance with any new legislation or guidance or in response to any quality assurance recommendations pertaining to the delivery of this policy and the overall safeguarding arrangements made.

The Headteacher will actively evaluate the effectiveness of this policy by monitoring the staff group's understanding and application of the procedures within this policy as their overall duty to safeguard pupils.

Appendix 1 – Dealing with referrals

We are aware of the potential indicating factors that a child is vulnerable to being radicalised or exposed to extreme views, including peer pressure, influence from other people or the internet, bullying, crime and anti-social behaviour, family tensions, race/hate crime, lack of self-esteem or identity, prejudicial behaviour and personal or political grievances.

In the event of prejudicial behaviour the following system will be followed;

- All instances of prejudicial behaviour will be reported directly to the Head Teacher or SLT in her absence.
- All incidents will be fully investigated and recorded in line with the Behaviour Policy and school procedures for child protection/safeguarding cases.
- Parents/Carers will be contacted and the incident discussed in detail, aiming to identify motivating factors, any changes in circumstances at home, parental views of the incident and to assess whether the incident is serious enough to warrant a further referral. A note of this meeting will be kept alongside the initial referral in the Safeguarding Filing Cabinet.
- The Headteacher and SLT follow-up any referrals for a period of four weeks after the incident to assess whether there is a change in behaviour and/or attitude. A further meeting with parents will be held if there is not a significant positive change in behaviour.
- If deemed necessary, serious incidents will be discussed and referred to LCC's Safeguarding Development Officers: Inga Windley and Simon Genders and reported to the First Response Team.
- In the event of a referral relating to serious concerns about potential radicalisation or extremism, the school will also contact the Counter Terrorism Security Adviser at Leicestershire Police Headquarters. Email: CTSA@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk , Leicestershire Police on 101 or the Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789 321.

Appendix 2 – Staff Safeguarding Training

Type of Training	Delivered by	Delivered to	When and at what frequency
Workshop to raise awareness of Prevent	Headteacher	All staff, governors, office staff, site management and midday supervisors	Repeated for all staff during first half of Autumn term each academic year
Safer Recruitment Training	LCC	Headteacher and x2 Governors	Refreshed on a 3 year basis. Certificates held in school Safeguarding Folder
Safeguarding and Child Protection Training	LCC	All SLT, Headteacher and designated governors for child protection	Refreshed on a 2 year basis. Certificates held in school Safeguarding Folder
Safeguarding and Child Protection Training - Dissemination	Headteacher	All staff, governors, office staff, site management and midday supervisors	Repeated for all staff during first half of Autumn term each academic year and ongoing in weekly staff meeting, fortnightly Key Stage Meetings and INSET sessions
Tackling Domestic Violence	Headteacher	All staff, office staff, site management and midday supervisors	Repeated for all staff during first half of Autumn term each academic year
Tackling Female Genital Mutilation	Headteacher	All staff, office staff, site management and midday supervisors	Repeated for all staff during first half of Autumn term each academic year
Allegations Management	LCC	Headteacher & Chair of Governors	Refreshed on a 5 year basis. Certificates held in school Safeguarding Folder
Anti-Bullying	Headteacher	All staff and midday supervisors	Repeated during first half of Autumn term each academic year and ongoing in weekly staff meetings as required, fortnightly Key Stage Meetings and INSET sessions
EVC	LCC	EVC Co-ordinator	Refreshed on a 2 year basis. Certificates held in school Safeguarding Folder
E-Safety	IT Co-ordinator and LCC	All staff and midday supervisors	Repeated during first half of Autumn term each academic year and ongoing in weekly staff meetings as required, fortnightly Key Stage Meetings and INSET sessions
Team Teach Positive Handling	Ashcroft School	All staff	Refreshed on a 2 year basis. Certificates held in school Safeguarding Folder
First Aid		All staff	Refreshed on a 2 year basis. Certificates held in school Safeguarding Folder
Looked After Children	TBC	Headteacher & SENCO	TBC
Young Carers	TBC	Headteacher & SENCO	TBC

Appendix 3 - Indicators of vulnerability to radicalisation

1. Radicalisation refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and forms of extremism leading to terrorism.

2. Extremism is defined by the Government in the Prevent Strategy as:

Vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. We also include in our definition of extremism calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas.

3. Extremism is defined by the Crown Prosecution Service as:

The demonstration of unacceptable behaviour by using any means or medium to express views which:

- Encourage, justify or glorify terrorist violence in furtherance of particular beliefs;
- Seek to provoke others to terrorist acts;
- Encourage other serious criminal activity or seek to provoke others to serious criminal acts; or
- Foster hatred which might lead to inter-community violence in the UK.

4. There is no such thing as a “typical extremist”: those who become involved in extremist actions come from a range of backgrounds and experiences, and most individuals, even those who hold radical views, do not become involved in violent extremist activity.

5. Pupils may become susceptible to radicalisation through a range of social, personal and environmental factors - it is known that violent extremists exploit vulnerabilities in individuals to drive a wedge between them and their families and communities. It is vital that school staff are able to recognise those vulnerabilities.

6. Indicators of vulnerability include:

- Identity Crisis – the student / pupil is distanced from their cultural / religious heritage and experiences discomfort about their place in society;
- Personal Crisis – the student / pupil may be experiencing family tensions; a sense of isolation; and low self-esteem; they may have dissociated from their existing friendship group and become involved with a new and different group of friends; they may be searching for answers to questions about identity, faith and belonging;
- Personal Circumstances – migration; local community tensions; and events affecting the student / pupil’s country or region of origin may contribute to a sense of grievance that is triggered by personal experience of racism or discrimination or aspects of Government policy;
- Unmet Aspirations – the student / pupil may have perceptions of injustice; a feeling of failure; rejection of civic life;
- Experiences of Criminality – which may include involvement with criminal groups, imprisonment, and poor resettlement / reintegration;
- Special Educational Need – students / pupils may experience difficulties with social interaction, empathy with others, understanding the consequences of their actions and awareness of the motivations of others.

7. However, this list is not exhaustive, nor does it mean that all young people experiencing the above are at risk of radicalisation for the purposes of violent extremism.

8. More critical risk factors could include:

- Being in contact with extremist recruiters;
- Accessing violent extremist websites, especially those with a social networking element;
- Possessing or accessing violent extremist literature;
- Using extremist narratives and a global ideology to explain personal disadvantage;
- Justifying the use of violence to solve societal issues;
- Joining or seeking to join extremist organisations; and
- Significant changes to appearance and / or behaviour;
- Experiencing a high level of social isolation resulting in issues of identity crisis and / or personal crisis.

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