

Ettington C of E Primary School

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*Ettington Church of England
Primary School*

*Learning for Fullness of Life
Trust-Respect - Love*

PROMOTING BRITISH VALUES AND PREVENTING RADICALISATION POLICY

Introduction

All maintained schools must meet the requirements set out in section 78 of the Education Act 2002 and promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development of their pupils. Through ensuring pupils' SMSC development, schools can also demonstrate they are actively promoting fundamental British values.

Meeting requirements for collective worship, establishing a strong school ethos supported by effective relationships throughout the school, and providing relevant activities beyond the classroom are all ways of ensuring pupils' SMSC development.

Pupils must be encouraged to regard people of all faiths, races and cultures with respect and tolerance.

It is expected that pupils should understand that while different people may hold different views about what is 'right' and 'wrong', all people living in England are subject to its law. The school's ethos and teaching, which schools should make parents aware of, should support the rule of English civil and criminal law and schools should not teach anything that undermines it. If schools teach about religious law, particular care should be taken to explore the relationship between state and religious law. Pupils should be made aware of the difference between the law of the land and religious law.

Promoting Fundamental British Values

Ettington C of E Primary School will endeavour to promote the fundamental British values of

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Actively promoting the values means challenging opinions or behaviours in school that are contrary to fundamental British values. Attempts to promote systems that undermine fundamental British values would be completely at odds with our school's duty to provide SMSC. The Teachers' Standards expect teachers to uphold public trust in the profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside school. This includes not undermining fundamental British values.

Through their provision of SMSC, Ettington C of E Primary School will:

- enable students to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence;
- enable students to distinguish right from wrong and to respect the civil and criminal law of England;
- encourage students to accept responsibility for their behaviour, show initiative, and to understand how they can contribute positively to the lives of those living and working in the locality of the school and to society more widely;
- enable students to acquire a broad general knowledge of and respect for public institutions and services in England;

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- further tolerance and harmony between different cultural traditions by enabling students to acquire an appreciation of and respect for their own and other cultures;
- encourage respect for other people; and
- encourage respect for democracy and support for participation in the democratic processes, including respect for the basis on which the law is made and applied in England.

The list below describes the understanding and knowledge expected of our pupils as a result of staff promoting fundamental British values.

- an understanding of how citizens can influence decision-making through the democratic process;
- an appreciation that living under the rule of law protects individual citizens and is essential for their wellbeing and safety;
- an understanding that there is a separation of power between the executive and the judiciary, and that while some public bodies such as the police and the army can be held to account through Parliament, others such as the courts maintain independence;
- an understanding that the freedom to choose and hold other faiths and beliefs is protected in law;
- an acceptance that other people having different faiths or beliefs to oneself (or having none) should be accepted and tolerated, and should not be the cause of prejudicial or discriminatory behaviour; and
- an understanding of the importance of identifying and combatting discrimination.

It is not necessary for schools or individuals to 'promote' teachings, beliefs or opinions that conflict with their own, but nor is it acceptable for schools to promote discrimination against people or groups on the basis of their belief, opinion or background.

Examples of actions that our school may take to promote British Values

The following is a list of different actions that Ettington C of E Primary School may take:

- include in suitable parts of the curriculum, as appropriate for the age of pupils, material on the strengths, advantages and disadvantages of democracy, and how democracy and the law works in Britain, in contrast to other forms of government in other countries;
- ensure that all pupils within the school have a voice that is listened to, and demonstrate how democracy works by actively promoting democratic processes such as the School Council whose members are voted for by the pupils;
- use opportunities such as general or local elections to hold mock elections to promote fundamental British values and provide pupils with the opportunity to learn how to argue and defend points of view;
- use teaching resources from a wide variety of sources to help pupils understand a range of faiths
- consider the role of extra-curricular activity, including any run directly by pupils, in promoting fundamental British values.

Curriculum

- We are committed to ensuring that our pupils are offered an ambitious, broad and balanced curriculum that aims to prepare them for life in modern Britain. We encourage our pupils to be inquisitive learners who are open to new experiences and are tolerant of others.
- We adopt a non-negotiable approach towards the expression of views contrary to our agreed set of values. These values support the development of the whole child as a reflective learner within a calm, caring, happy and purposeful atmosphere. Teaching the schools core values alongside the fundamental British Values supports quality teaching and learning, whilst making a positive contribution to the development of a fair, just and civil society.

PSHE

All students in our school will be taught about fundamental British Values element of the SMCS during PSHE lessons which will take place each week. PSHE lessons will be delivered in all classes using the SCARF Scheme of Work produced by CORAM Life Education. SMSC will also be taught through other areas of the curriculum including Literacy, daily collective worship and assemblies.

PREVENTING RADICALISATION

Background

This policy is part of our commitment to keeping children safe. Since the 'Education and Inspections Act 2006' schools have a duty to promote community cohesion. Over the last few years, global events have led to a growth of extremist viewpoints, including advocacy of violent extremism.

Schools have an important part to play in both educating children and young people about extremism and recognising when pupils start to become radicalised. In March 2015, new statutory duties were placed on schools by the Counter Terrorism and Security Act (2015) which means they must work to prevent children being drawn into extremism.

Safeguarding children from all risks of harm is an important part of a school's work and protecting them from extremism is one aspect of that.

Ethos

At Ettington C of E Primary School we ensure that through our school vision, values, rules, diverse curriculum and teaching we promote tolerance and respect for all cultures, faiths and lifestyles. Our 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.

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.

Statutory Duties

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

- Counter Terrorism and Security Act (2015)
- Keeping Children Safe in Education (2025)
- Prevent Duty Guidance (2015)
- Working Together to Safeguard Children (2023)

Definitions

Extremism is defined in the 2011 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.

Radicalisation refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies associated with terrorist groups.

British Values are democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Roles and Responsibilities

Role of the Governing Body

It is the role of the governing body to ensure that the school meets its statutory duties with regard to preventing radicalisation.

Role of the Headteacher

It is the role of the headteacher to:

- ensure that the school and its staff respond to preventing radicalisation on a day-to-day basis
- ensure that the school's curriculum addresses the issues involved in radicalisation
- ensure that staff conduct is consistent with preventing radicalisation

Role of our Designated Safeguarding Leads

It is the role of our designated safeguarding leads to:

- ensure that staff understand the issues of radicalisation, are able to recognise the signs of vulnerability or radicalisation and know how to refer their concerns
- receive safeguarding concerns about children and young people who may be vulnerable to the risk of radicalisation or are showing signs of radicalisation
- make referrals to appropriate agencies with regard to concerns about radicalisation
- liaise with partners, including the local authority and the police
- report to the governing body on these matters

Role of staff

- It is the role of staff to understand the issues of radicalisation, are able to recognise the signs of vulnerability or radicalisation and know how to refer their concerns

Staff Training

Staff and relevant Governors will be given training to help them understand the issues of radicalisation, are able to recognise the signs of vulnerability or radicalisation and know how to refer their concerns. This information also forms part of induction safeguarding training. Staff are updated as necessary in weekly staff briefings, staff training days and discussion.

Safer Recruitment

We ensure that the staff we appoint to the school are suitable, our recruitment procedures are rigorous and we follow the statutory guidance published in part 3 of *Keeping Children Safe in Education (2025)*.

Visitors

Visitors to the school are made aware of our safeguarding and child protection policies on arrival at the school and are given information about what to do if they are concerned about any aspect of child welfare. All visitors to school, are expected to wear lanyards in order to identify them and so that the children and staff have an awareness of the level of safeguarding.

Visitors who are invited to speak to pupils will be informed about our preventing extremism policy and relevant vetting checks may be undertaken. We undertake due diligence to ensure that visiting speakers are appropriate. Speakers will be supervised at all times and will not be allowed to speak to children with a member of staff being present.

Staff must not invite speakers into school without first obtaining permission from the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher in the Headteacher's absence.

'No platform for extremists'

The school is vigilant to the possibility that out-of-hours hire of the school premises may be requested by people wishing to run an extremist event. The school does not accept bookings from individuals or organisations that are extremist in their views.

Signs of vulnerability

There are no known definitive indicators that a young person is vulnerable to radicalisation, but there are number of signs that together increase the risk. Signs of vulnerability include:

- underachievement
- being in possession of extremist literature
- poverty
- social exclusion
- traumatic events
- global or national events
- religious conversion

- change in behaviour
- extremist influences
- conflict with family over lifestyle
- confused identify
- victim or witness to race or hate crimes
- rejection by peers, family, social groups or faith

Recognising Extremism

Early indicators of radicalisation or extremism may include:

- showing sympathy for extremist causes
- glorifying violence, especially to other faiths or cultures
- making remarks or comments about being at extremist events or rallies outside school
- evidence of possessing illegal or extremist literature
- advocating messages similar to illegal organisations or other extremist groups
- out of character changes in dress, behaviour and peer relationships (but there are also very powerful narratives, programmes and networks that young people can come across online so involvement with particular groups may not be apparent)
- secretive behaviour
- online searches or sharing extremist messages or social profiles
- intolerance of difference, including faith, culture, gender, race or sexuality
- graffiti, art work or writing that displays extremist themes
- attempts to impose extremist views or practices on others
- verbalising anti-Western or anti-British views
- advocating violence towards others

Our Protocol for Reducing Risk within School and Safeguarding Pupils

- Engage children in their learning
- Tackle isolation and ensure that no pupil feels left out
- Provide educational support when needed
- Monitor access to the computers
- Teach children how to use the internet safely
- Reduce and tackle any bullying
- Assign wellbeing support for children who need it
- Provide vulnerable parents with information to support them
- Refer pupils for counselling if it is needed
- Liaise effectively with external support agencies
- Provide positive influences
- Listen to children
- Provide forums for discussion and for children to voice their opinion
- Provide mental health support
- Introduce families to support groups if necessary
- Teach and learn about other cultures and beliefs

Referral Process

Staff and visitors to the school must refer all concerns about children and young people who show signs of vulnerability or radicalisation must be passed to our Designated Safeguarding Leads using the usual methods for reporting other safeguarding concerns – CPOMS.

When there are significant concerns about a pupil, the Designated Safeguarding Leads in liaison with the headteacher will make a referral to the appropriate body.

How we Promote British Values at Ettington C of E Primary School

Children learn about **Democracy** through the following:

Formulation and agreement of a set of 'class rules' at the beginning of each school year.

Organisation of election days when pupils are to be chosen as representatives for particular roles following the presentation of election manifestos by the candidate. Election of class representatives to act as Lead Learners. Engagement pupils in organising and managing whole-school events. Some of these will involve raising money for charities.

- Participation in Class Discussion forums
- Children's engagement in supporting the interviewing process for new staff
- Discussion of democracy within assemblies
- Revisit school respect code and discuss underpinning principles of this. This ensures pupil voice is regularly captured

Children learn about **The Rule of Law** through the following:

- Having a clear, consistent behaviour policy (based upon positive relational behaviours) which is consistently applied throughout the school
- Encouraging children to 'Respond and Reflect' on situations using restorative justice approaches when reflecting on behaviours
- Providing opportunities for children to reflect about positive and negative behaviour choices during curriculum time
- Providing an extensive Road Safety programme throughout the school through 'Bikeability' training and general road safety wherever possible
- Developing links with our Police Community Support Officer
- Addressing issues of law during whole-school assemblies as and when appropriate
- Giving considerable time to individual pupils who require additional opportunities to understand the importance of following rules
- Encouraging visits from external agencies to talk to the children in school
- Using our extensive reward system to acknowledge good behaviour as well as good academic work
- Giving older pupils responsibility as 'Leading Citizens' on the Key Stage 1 playground
- Developing the Prefect and Play Leader Systems

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Children learn about **Individual Liberty** through the following:

- Pupils are actively encouraged to make choices at our school, knowing that they are living within a safe and supportive environment
- Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and are advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our online-safety teaching
- Pupils are given important roles in school, such as school councillors, playground buddies, librarians and prefects
- Pupils are encouraged to understand responsibility in school in terms of behaviour and attitude to learning
- Justice, fairness and equity are key principles within our school
- Issues linked to justice are given a Collective Worship focus as one of our values
- Home / School agreements for all pupils are in place
- Pupils are taught how to be safe and how to act safely. This is given an additional emphasis during anti-bullying week
- Our curriculum promotes independent learning. Our curriculum aims to be empowering and provides many opportunities for children to exercise choice
- Pupils learn about economic awareness and responsibilities and freedoms related to this through our annual business week

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Mutual Respect:

Respect and Responsibility are key values which permeate all aspects of school life. They determine the way in which we support and care for each other, for the community and for the environment. Children learn about **Respect** through the following:

- The promotion of positive relationships
- The modelling of positive relationships by all adults working in school
- A detailed and extensive Personal, Social and Health Education curriculum in which children are taught that behaviour has an effect upon those around them and upon their own rights
- The RE curriculum
- All other aspects of the curriculum (as successfully working in groups requires respect for each other)
- The positive reward system developed to promote respect
- Our celebration assemblies when all pupils show respect for the efforts of others
- Giving responsibility to pupils (team captains, playground buddies, School Council Members, etc)
- Participation in events organised to raise money for various charities
- Our contribution to the community
- Learning to live with their peers on educational residential visits

Understanding of **Faiths and Beliefs** is promoted in our school through the following:

- The stated aims and values of the school
- The PSHE curriculum
- The RE curriculum
- The Modern Foreign Languages curriculum
- Our Global Awareness, Diversity and Cultural Inquiry Days
- Educational visits to places of religious worship
- The school's Equal Opportunities Policy
- Class and whole school assemblies
- Festival study and celebration (Diwali, Harvest, etc)
- A multi-cultural theme week when visitors from around the world are invited to come to school to work with the children. Children may also visit places of worship from a range of faiths
- Black History Month (October)
- Work on prejudice-based bullying during anti-bullying week
- Using world events as opportunities to positively reinforce life and culture in other countries (football world cup, the Olympics, etc)

Online Safety

The internet provides children and young people with access to a wide-range of content, some of which is harmful. Extremists use the internet, including social media, to share their messages. The monitoring and filtering systems used in our school blocks inappropriate content, including extremist content.

- We also filter out social media, such as Facebook. Searches and web addresses are monitored and the ICT technicians will alert senior staff where there are concerns and prevent further access when new sites that are unblocked are found
- Where staff, students or visitors find unblocked extremist content they must report it to a senior member of staff and log the issue on our online-safety record

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- We are aware that children and young people have access to unfiltered internet when using their mobile phones and staff. Pupils are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school