The Federation of Cowick and Pollington-Balne CE Primary Schools

Anti-radicalisation Policy

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Policy in brief

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LINKS TO OTHER POLICIES

The Federation of Cowick and Pollington-Balne Anti-Radicalisation policy statement links to the following policies:

*Child Protection and Safeguarding Policies (Contains contact details of designated people)
*Online safety policy
*Federation Behaviour and Relationships Policy
*Equality Policy

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, non-teaching staff and volunteers 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.
*All teachers, teaching assistants and non-teaching staff will receive online training about PREVENT to ensure knowledge is up to date and current.

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 the Federation of Cowick and Pollington-Balne to date, 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 (via the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Heads of School or Executive Headteacher). The schools' Child Protection Folder contains a designated section for maintaining records of concerns and related documentation. School should report to ERSCP on 01482 395500 in accordance with the Local Authority guidelines.

THE ROLE OF THE CURRICULUM

Our curriculum promotes respect, tolerance and diversity. 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 Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) provision is embedded across the curriculum, and underpins the ethos of the school. It is recognised that children with low 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. 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.

STAFF TRAINING

Through staff meetings, INSET and additional training 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.