

Downham C.E. Primary School

Extremism Statement and Policy

Mission Statement

Downham C. of E. (Controlled) Primary School aims to serve its community and, in partnership with the community, aims to produce confident, happy, responsible, well educated students who can fulfil positive roles in society. We strive to achieve this by providing a caring environment in which the Christian values are upheld through our school code: Caring, Consideration and Courtesy. No-one has the right to hurt anyone else. This environment will enable excellence and equality to develop through high quality learning experiences based on individual needs and abilities.

In Downham Church Of England Primary School every child is valued and respected as an individual. Children have the right to be happy, enjoy their learning and have a say in their own development. Every child experiences a rich, broad and varied curriculum.

We recognise, celebrate and value the contributions of children, parents and the wider community. Together we provide an extensive and exciting range of learning experiences which will enable children to develop to their full potential and equip them to meet future challenges. We nurture mutual respect and tolerance for others.

Our Equality Objectives for Downham Primary School are that:

- All children feel valued and able to fully participate in and contribute to all areas of school life.
- All activities and experiences are accessible to all children.
- All children and staff are aware of and follow the 3Cs of Care, Consideration and Courtesy.
- The school welcomes children and families from all backgrounds.
- The school works with all children regardless of ability to ensure they make maximum progress. In Downham Church Of England Primary School we foster pride in setting high expectations and achieving our goals."

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

At Downham Church of England Primary School we promote the values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs. We teach and encourage pupils to respect one another and to respect and tolerate difference, especially

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those of a different faith or no faith. It is a fundamental responsibility of our school to keep our pupils safe and prepare them for life in modern multi-cultural Britain and globally.

Downham Church of England Primary School is committed to tackling extremism and radicalisation. We recognise that extremism and exposure to extremist materials and influences can lead to poor outcomes for students and so should be addressed as a safeguarding concern. 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. The education at Downham Church of England Primary School is a powerful weapon against this; equipping students with the knowledge, skills and critical thinking, to challenge and debate in an informed way.

Any issues relating to children and terrorism or extremism are a safeguarding concern.

All staff receive training relating to safeguarding which includes training on terrorism and extremism.

Staff are aware of the Prevent duty and the appropriate referral channels within school.

The designated person attended Prevent training in October 2015. The designated person is aware of their responsibilities to refer children who are vulnerable to extremism through the Home Office Channel programme.

We have high security filters on the school site to prevent pupils from accessing terrorist and extremist material.

Visiting speakers to school are monitored by staff and where there are concerns regarding their views, these are challenged and addressed.

This statement and policy should be read in line with the Child Protection policy.