Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

School Mission Statement

Our mission is to deliver outstanding and distinctive Catholic education with Christ at the centre of all that we do. We welcome and recognise God's Grace in all and celebrate the diverse community we serve.

The Our Lady family learn together through the virtues and values of the Gospels which encourages us to become respectful modern global citizens. Opportunities are given for the children to live out Catholic social teaching principles, working together with local and worldwide charities.

Through mutual support and partnership with our parish and families, we recognise and guide the unique talents of each individual and nurture every child to be the best they can be. We Love, Live and Learn in the Light of Christ.

PREVENT DUTY POLICY

Policy Statement/Purpose of Policy

Lincolnshire is currently a low risk area in terms of terrorist acts and radicalisation but it is important that we remain vigilant in our approach to supporting vulnerable young people. As part of the Prevent Strategy, Our Lady of Good Counsel, considers the risks of all extreme activity including that of faith based extremism, the extreme right wing ideology and all other forms of extremism. The policy outlines the school's response to the Prevent agenda.

This response to the prevent strategy is linked to a wider remit of safeguarding and the promotion of respect and wider British Values. As such there are links to other policies and statutory guidance e.g.

- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Equality and Diversity Policy
- Anti-bullying
- Behaviour Management
- E Safety
- Latest Ofsted guidance
- Prevent Duty Guidance 2015
- Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022
- Working Together to Safeguard Children 2021

Definitions and indicators

The School uses the following definitions from Lincolnshire guidance:

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 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. The definition of extremism also includes calls for the death of members of the British armed forces, whether in this country or overseas

Radicalisation is a form of grooming and therefore abuse.

Indicators which could include as below:

- Changing their style of dress or personal appearance to accord with the group.
- Self- segregation
- 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 of concern
- Using insulting and/or 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.

Procedures for referrals

Our Lady of Good Counsel will follow the usual Early Help and safeguarding processes in the first instance. If through completing an Early Help Assessment with the child and family a setting identifies or is concerned about radicalisation, then a CHANNEL referral form should be completed.

Early intervention is vital and any concerns, no matter how small must be referred to

CHANNEL using the referral form in the Safeguarding File or send an email to

channel@lincs.pnn.police.uk

CHANNEL is a key element of the Prevent Strategy. It is a multi-agency approach to protect people at risk from radicalisation. CHANNEL uses existing collaboration between local authorities, statutory partners, the police and the local community to:

- identify individuals at risk of being drawn into terrorism.
- assess the nature and extent of that risk; and develop the most appropriate support plan for the individuals concerned.

CHANNEL is about safeguarding children and adults from being drawn into committing terrorist-related activity.

It is about early intervention to protect and divert people away from the risk they face before illegality occurs.

If you suspect a criminal offence has taken place or a child is at immediate harm you must contact the police on 101or in an emergency 999.

Our Lady of Good Counsel acknowledges it has a responsibility to communicate with the investigating team to ensure they have the latest information and are liaising with the appropriate agencies.

The role of Governors, Leaders and Staff

The headteacher is the lead in this area and any concerns are to be reported to then by any form of communication.

Procedures for dealing with prejudicial behaviour are dealt with in line with the behaviour policy.

Allegations against staff in the setting: Any concerns regarding members of staff must also be reported to the Local Authority Designated Officers (LADO)

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The role of the curriculum

Our Lady of Good Counsel promotes the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and

beliefs. The curriculum includes Religious Education (in line with Catholic Diocese of Nottingham Syllabus) and Personal, Social and Health Education etc.

The Curriculum is broad and balanced.

Children are taught how to stay safe using the internet and seek help.

Staff Training

Safeguarding team will brief staff on key issues and will ensure staff know their responsibilities and how to report concerns.

All staff have received Prevent Training. The key remit of the training was to raise awareness of staff and ensure they understand their roles and how to report concern. **Useful resources, contacts and links:**

- Ruth Fox, Safeguarding Children Officer (Education Settings)
- Children's Services, Lincolnshire County Council
- T: 01522 554695
- M: 07747 565355
- E: ruth.fox@lincolnshire.gov.uk
- Anti-terrorist hotline 0800 789 321
- Prevent Advice line 0800 011 3764 or 101
- PREVENT Lincolnshire Police: 01522 212470

See Risk Assessments.

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