

# Prevent Policy (R.E.A.L. Education Ltd.)

Adopted on: 16.11.16

Review Date: November 2017

To enable learners to become lifelong learners through developing respect, responsibility, resourcefulness, resilience and reflection and through this to tackle extremism and radicalisation.

R.E.A.L Education is proud to provide a creative curriculum led by the ethos of respect, resilience, responsibility, resourcefulness and reflection. We are an inclusive community and provide excellent pastoral and well-being support to all our learners, and foster community links at every opportunity.

At R.E.A.L there is no place for extremist views of any kind. Our learners know that R.E.A.L is a safe place, and all adults who work for R.E.A.L have a duty of care to ensure that this happens.

The government definition of extremism in its 'Prevent Strategy' is: '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; and/or calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas.'

We recognise that exposure to extremism materials and influences can lead to poor outcomes and will be addressed as a safeguarding concern as set out in this document. We acknowledge that if we fail to challenge extremist views we are failing to protect our pupils, and tackling extremism comes under the remit of our Designated Child Protection Officers.

**The Designated Safeguarding Lead is:** Nikkie Purcell (Headteacher)

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:** Alison Wellings (Key stage 2 and 3) Michelle Farr and Jan Mee (Keys Stage 4).

Education is a powerful tool against the ignorance, division and fear created by extremism. We will provide children with the knowledge, skills and critical thinking to challenge extremist ideas.

### **Ethos and Practice**

At R.E.A.L we provide a broad and balanced curriculum in the context of our values, so that our learners embrace difference and diversity and feel valued members of our community.

We are aware that learners can be exposed to extremist influences or prejudiced views from early childhood through a variety of sources and media and that they may at times reflect or display views which may be discriminatory, prejudiced or extremist, or use offensive language.

Any discrimination, prejudice or extremist views, including offensive language, shown by learners, parents or employees will be dealt with in line with our Behaviour Policy and staff code of conduct and will always be addressed.

### **Teaching Approaches**

Our teaching will support our ethos and ensure that learners do not feel alienated or disempowered.

We place high priority on spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, which we achieve through our quality delivery of:

- Personal, Social and Health Education
- Religious Education
- Celebrations of other faiths and cultures
- Values-led curriculum

We all instil a positive and strong self-identity and foster a sense of belonging.

We also adhere to the main methods outlined in the governmental guidance 'Teaching Approaches that help build resilience to extremism among young people.' (DfE 2011):

- We make good connections with our learners through good teaching design and a person-centred approach
- We facilitate a safe place for discussion and dialogue
- We equip our learners with the skills, knowledge and understanding and awareness to develop resilience.

We value the rule of law and individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance to those of other faiths, backgrounds and beliefs. We teach all our learners to respect each other and tolerate differences.

### **The role of the School Governing Body**

The Governing Body of our schools will undertake appropriate training to ensure that they are clear about their role and the parameters of their responsibilities as Governors, including their statutory safeguarding duties.

The Governing Body supports our ethos and values, and will support us in tackling any form of radicalisation or extremism.

### **Linked policies:**

Anti-bullying Policy

Behaviour

Child Protection Policy

Equality Policy

Information and Communication Technology, Internet and E-safety Policy

Safer Recruitment Policy

Whistleblowing Policy

Policy adopted by Governors on: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015