



BCS Policy:

Prevent Policy

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It is the aim of The Branch Christian School to enable all children to achieve their full potential in a safe, welcoming, happy, and loving learning environment. *The Preventing Extremism and Radicalisation Safeguarding Policy* is one element within our overall school arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of all our students.

When operating this policy, we use the following accepted Governmental definition of extremism which 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 (Prevent Strategy, 2011)’.

We are also aware that young people can be exposed to extremist influences or prejudiced views from an early age, which emanate from a variety of sources and media including - via the internet, and at times pupils may themselves reflect or display views that may be discriminatory, prejudices, or extremist, including using derogatory language.

Any prejudice, discrimination, or extremist views, including derogatory language, displayed by pupils or staff will always be challenged and, where appropriate, dealt with in line with our *Behaviour and Discipline Policy* for pupils and the *Code of Conduct* for staff.

We will provide a broad and balanced curriculum, so that the pupils are enriched, and understand and become tolerant of difference and diversity. We will also ensure that the pupils thrive, feel valued, and are not marginalized.

As part of the school’s approach to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, the above matters will receive focus through citizenship programmes, along with open discussion and debate, along with the incorporation into devotional and assembly occasions.

Please see our *Safeguarding Policy* for further details and liaison with Kirklees Safeguarding Children’s Board on Prevent measures.