

Diamond Wood Community Academy

Prevent Strategy Statement

Diamond Wood Community Academy is committed to providing a safe environment for children. All adults in school recognise that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, irrespective of their role. We strive to make the school environment safe and secure for all.

This statement is one element, within the overall school arrangements, to safeguard children and is part of our statutory duty, as set out in section 175 of the Education Act 2002.

There is no place for extremist views of any kind in our school. We recognise that extremism and exposure to extremist materials and influences, can lead to poor outcomes for children and their families. Staff treat all disclosures or concerns, in relation to Prevent, as a safeguarding issue and will make immediate referrals to the Designated Senior Lead or her Deputy. Please see the School Safeguarding Policy.

Extremists, of all persuasions, aim to develop destructive relationships between different communities by promoting division, fear and mistrust based on ignorance or prejudice. This limits the chances for children and young people.

Through the curriculum at Diamond Wood, we are equipping children with a broad and balanced knowledge, enabling them to develop critical thinking around the power of influence. This will support them to tolerate difference and diversity. We ensure that all children thrive and feel valued. We support community cohesion and engagement with community services and contacts.

At Diamond Wood we promote spiritual, moral, social and emotional needs of children. We promote pupils wider skills development and support children and families who are particularly vulnerable. We promote Fundamental British Values and values set out within the school. We use teaching styles and curriculum opportunities to allow grievances to be aired, helping children to develop the knowledge and skills to be able to challenge. We continue to improve attainment in all age groups. We continue to monitor attendance and extended holidays and encourage active citizenship and the pupil voice, i.e. school council. We continue to link with families and community groups.

As a school, we also promote internet safety and the use of social media. It is extremely important that parents support school, in ensuring that their children's activities on the internet are monitored, as social networking sites are playing a vital part of the radicalisation of young people.

In our school we promote democracy, the rule of law and mutual respect. We respect different faiths and religions and take safeguarding children at Diamond Wood Community Academy very seriously in preparing them for their future.