

RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM STATEMENT



Religious Extremism Statement for Hazelmere Junior School

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How does Hazelmere Junior School endeavour to protect its children from extremist views, including religious extremism?

Curriculum

Within the RE curriculum we teach the children about the major world religions. As well as helping them to understand the basic beliefs and facts about these religions, we focus on understanding and tolerance of other views and beliefs that may be different from our own. Classroom work is supplemented by visits to local churches. Leaders of these local places may also visit the school.

Themes of tolerance for others and different beliefs are also explored in the weekly assembly themes.

Individual support from the class teacher or teaching assistant can be given to any child who expresses anxiety over these issues.

Role of staff

This school will not tolerate any extremist political or religious views expressed openly by staff or governors either in school to pupils or other staff members or in more public forums such as social media. Staff members may be subject to Disciplinary action if necessary.

Supporting Pupils

Any of our pupils may come into contact with extremist literature or propaganda at any time including when out on school trips in the community. It is our duty to support pupils who may be distressed or frightened by what they read or see. We must always help pupils to have a balanced view as well as give them coping strategies in dealing with what may be external pressures. We do not want pupils to become Islamophobes. If a pupil reports that they have been given or heard extremist views, please inform a member of the SLT who will then work with parents to support that child.

Please note: we must be extra sensitive with pupils who may have a family member fighting overseas.