

Prevent Policy

Katie Wright School of Dance is committed to providing a secure environment for students, where children are kept and feel safe. Safeguarding is paramount at the school and all adults, no matter whether they are teachers or volunteers, are responsible.

We have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism. This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views the same way we protect them from drugs or gang violence. We do this by teaching children values such as tolerance and mutual respect, providing a safe place for pupils to discuss any issues so they better understand how to protect themselves. Providing broad, inclusive classes so that our students are enriched, understand and become tolerant of difference and diversity

As a school with children in attendance, we recognise that extremism and exposure to extremist materials and influences can lead to poor outcomes for children and so should be addressed as a safeguarding concern. Please see our safeguarding policy for more information on the steps to follow if action is required.

Any prejudice, discrimination or extremist views, including derogatory language, displayed by students or staff will always be challenged and where appropriate dealt with in line with our Code of Conduct policies.

Aims and principles

The main aims of this policy statement are to ensure that staff are fully engaged in being vigilant about radicalisation and ensure that we work alongside other professional bodies and agencies to ensure that our pupils are safe from harm. The principle objectives are that:

All Staff will have an understanding of what radicalisation and extremism are and why we need to be vigilant.

All Staff will know what the school policy is on anti-radicalisation and extremism and will follow the policy when issues arise, contacting the safeguarding officer initially.

All parents and pupils will know that the school has policies in place to keep pupils safe from harm and that the school regularly reviews its systems to ensure they are appropriate and effective.

Definition and indicators

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 as the holding of extreme political or religious views.

Procedure for referrals

It is important for us to be constantly vigilant and remain fully informed about the issues which affect the region in which we teach.

Early intervention is vital and staff must be aware of the processes for individuals or groups. We must have the confidence to challenge, the confidence to intervene and ensure that we have strong safeguarding practices based on the most up-to-date guidance and best practice.

The Safeguarding officer, Katie Wright, will deal swiftly with any referrals made by staff or with concerns reported by staff, logged and will decide when a referral to external agencies is needed.