

Keeping Children Safe from Radicalisation and Extremism Advice for Parents and Carers

One of our key aims at All Saints' is to provide a safe and secure environment for pupils and staff, and we value the role parents and carers can play in helping us achieve this.

We all wish to protect children becoming radicalised and making decisions which place their safety at risk, possibly as a result of 'friends' made via social media or on the internet. At All Saints' we raise pupils' awareness of these issues and develop their understanding of staying safe. This advice explains how parents and carers can help.

We ask you to contact us on **01638 662835** if you have any concerns about your child in relation to radicalisation. **If you need immediate help or are aware of an imminent threat to others' safety, call the Police on 999.**

Recognising Extremism

Signs may include:

- out of character changes in dress, behaviour and personal relationships
- secretive behaviour
- losing interest in friends and activities; gaining new friends
- showing sympathy for extremist causes
- glorifying violence

How can parents and carers help children to stay safe?

1) Building strong relationships

- know where your child is, who they are with and check this for yourself.
- know your child's friends and families
- keep lines of communication open, listen to your child and talk to them about their interests
- encourage them to take up positive activities with local groups that you can trust

2) Understanding the world and other people's views

- talk to your child about what they see on the TV or the internet and explain that this may not be the whole picture
- allow and encourage debate and questioning on local and world events and help them to see different points of view
- encourage your child to show an interest in the local community and show respect for people from all faiths and backgrounds
- help your child to understand the dangers of becoming involved in situations about which they may not have the full information
- teach them that expressing strong views and trying to change things for the better is fine but they should not take violent action against others or support those who do

3) Social media and the internet

- be aware of your child's on-line activity and update your own knowledge
- know what social media and messaging sites your child uses
- remind your child that people they contact over the internet may be pretending to be someone else or telling them things that are not true

If you have any concerns regarding pupils at All Saints' CE Primary School please contact the school immediately.