



Long Melford Church of England Primary School

Keeping Children and Young People Safe against Radicalisation and Extremism

Information for Parents / Carers

One of the key strategic aims of Long Melford Church of England Primary School 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.

In recent months there has been heightened media coverage of several cases of young adults and children becoming radicalised, sometimes as a result of 'friends' made via social media networks on the internet. This has resulted in young people making decisions which place their safety at risk.

We will be raising awareness of these issues and developing pupils understanding of staying safe. This leaflet offers information and advice on how parents and carers may help with this. We hope you find this helpful, and ask you to contact us on 01787 379929 if you have any concerns about your son/daughter in relation to this. 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 support young people to stay safe?

- Know where your child is, who they are with and check this for yourself.
- Know your child's friend 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.
- Talk to your child about what they see on the TV or the internet and explain that what they see or read 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.
- 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 Long Melford Church of England Primary School please contact the school immediately