



**MATTHEW MOSS
HIGH SCHOOL**
Learning for Life

Policy No.: 18

Policy: Combatting and Preventing
Extremism

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Nominated Lead Member of Staff: Assistant Headteacher (Discipline)

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Combatting and Preventing Extremism Policy

This statement has been developed in accordance with the principles established by the Children Acts 1989 and 2004; the Education Act 2002, and in line with government publications: 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' 2013, Revised Safeguarding Statutory Guidance 2 'Framework for the Assessment of Children in Need and their Families' 2000, 'What to do if You are Worried a Child is Being Abused' 2003. The guidance reflects, 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' 2016, and our responsibilities with regard to the Prevent Strategy 2011, Counter Terrorism Security Act 2015, The Prevent Duty Guidance 2015.

Matthew Moss High School Statement

Matthew Moss High School recognises its duty to protect our learners from indoctrination into any form of extreme ideology, which may lead to the harm of self or others. This is particularly important because of the open access to electronic information through the internet. The schools aims to safeguard young people through educating them on the appropriate use of social media and the dangers of downloading and sharing inappropriate material which is illegal under the Counter-Terrorism Act.

Matthew Moss High School vets all visitors carefully and will take firm action if any individual or group is perceived to be attempting to influence members of our school community, either physically or electronically.

Our definition of radical or extreme ideology is 'a set of ideas which could justify vilification or violence against individuals, groups or self.' Staff are trained to be vigilant for spotting signs of extremist view and behaviours and to always report anything which may suggest a learner is expressing opinions which may cause concern.

Our core mission of diversity permeates all we do. We place a strong emphasis on the common values that all communities share such as self-respect, tolerance and the sanctity of life. We work hard to broaden our learners' experience, to prepare them for life and work in contemporary Britain. We teach them to respect and value the diversity around them as well as understanding how to make safe, well-considered decisions.

Aims

To ensure staff are aware of the Prevent Strategy / Channel process and able to protect children and young people who are vulnerable or at risk of being radicalised.

Practice

- In addition to DBS checks we 'open source' check organisations, particularly those in the voluntary sector.
- All visitors are requested to read the "Matthew Moss High School visitors guidance".
- We will ensure staff are aware of the risks to children and young people of being radicalised by delivering CPD on the Prevent Strategy / Chanel

- Learners will be taught about extremism in 'Learning for Life days' and GMP may deliver this. Years 7 and 8 will be taught the GMP Prevent Strategy as part of the Humanities Curriculum.
- The Designated Lead for Safeguarding will receive regular updates and training from the RBSB and will ensure that CPOMS is monitored and updated accordingly.

Managing Referrals

- If a member of staff is concerned that a learner may be at risk of extremism they must follow the safeguarding policy and record any statements /evidence on CPOMS - <https://matthewmoss.cpoms.net/login>
- The Designated Lead for Safeguarding or delegate Child Protection Officer will complete the MASS referral form.
- MASS contact number 0300 303 0440

The contacts for our school are:

Rochdale MASS
0300 303 0440
mass@rochdale.gov.uk

Dave Crewe Tameside and Rochdale
07881 280847
davida.crewe@gmp.police.uk

Anti- terrorism Hotline: 0800 789 321
DfE Counter-terrorism Advice line: 020 7340 7264
Email: counterextremism@education.gsi.gov.uk

channel.project@gmp.police.uk

In the case of an emergency staff should ring 101 or the emergency services on 999 and ask for the police.

This policy should be read in conjunction with:

- Safeguarding Policy
- Bullying Policy
- Britishness Statement
- Learning or Life and SMSC maps of study
- Guidance on Safe Working Practice Document

Associated Policies:
All areas of School Policy