

WALTHAMSTOW MONTESSORI SCHOOL

PREVENT - SAFEGUARDING

At Walthamstow Montessori School we are fully aware and committed to the on-going protection and safety of our pupils, staff and wider community in accordance with DfE guidance '*Working together to Safeguard Children*' (2023) and '*Keeping Children Safe in Education*' (September 2025). An integral part of that work relates to the governments PREVENT strategy and the duties it places on academic institutions.

Our school is committed to providing a secure environment for pupils, where children feel safe and are kept safe. All adults in our school recognise that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, irrespective of the role they undertake or whether their role has direct contact or responsibility for children or not. Staff will be alert to issues including:

- Disclosures by pupils of their exposure to the extremist actions, views or materials of others outside of school, such as in their homes or community groups
- Graffiti symbols, writing or artwork promoting extremist messages or images
- Pupils accessing extremist material online, including through social networking sites
- Parental reports of changes in behaviour, friendship or actions and requests for assistance
- Use of extremist or 'hate' terms to exclude others or incite violence
- Intolerance of difference, whether secular or religious or, in line with our equalities policy, views based on, but not exclusive to, gender, disability, homophobia, race, colour or culture

By continually developing our leadership and accountability practices, staff training opportunities (primarily the Home Office developed WRAP Training), referral systems and management of those referrals, we strive to demonstrate a pro-active and diligent approach to this aspect of our responsibilities as educators and safeguarders.

Aligned with a consistent delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum and use of the Local Authority-approved Self-Assessment framework, we strive to protect our students - and the wider community - against the threats of extremism, through the promotion of both fundamental values and cohesion amongst our communities.

We also recognise that further information and support is available from the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (0208 496 2310), the Local Authority's Community Safety Team (0208 496 3000) and the Citizenship and Cohesion Advisor for WF sean.thomson@walthamforest.gov.uk 0208 496 3447.

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