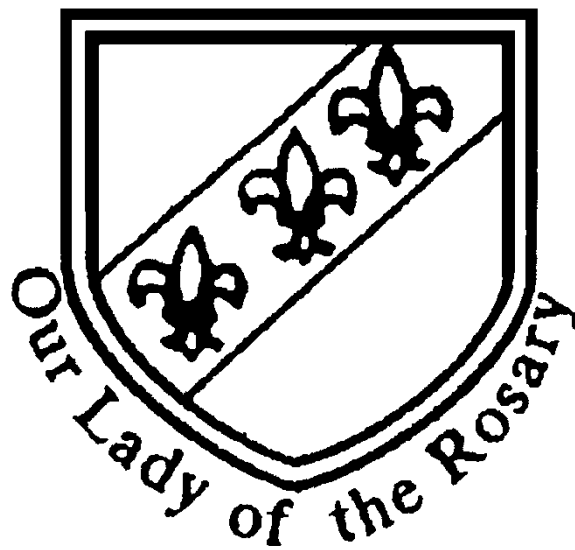


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## No Platform for Extremism Policy



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**"Jesus Christ, son of Mary, Son of God, is the centre of the Rosary community where we live, love and learn together"**

**“What can we say the kingdom of God is like? It is like a mustard seed which, at the time of its sowing in the soil, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown, it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.”**

***Gospel of Mark 4:30-32***

As members of the Rosary Catholic School we live out the Gospel values each day and nurture the children who attend our school to understand and live out their own vocation. We encourage them every day to know and be grateful for their gifts, developing them so that they can be generous in the service of others. We promote attentive reflection and discerning decision making: in teaching, in prayer and most importantly through the practice and example of each and every one of us. We teach the children to be compassionate and loving in the way they treat each other so that they will follow the example of Jesus. We teach the children to take time to solve problems and follow Jesus' example of forgiveness.

By passing on the living and faith-filled tradition of Jesus Christ; by having persevering faith in the pupils, and by encouraging them, in turn, to have faith and hope in others we prepare the pupils to become the contributing citizens of the future. Our mission is to develop an eloquent language in every child to allow them to understand and articulate their emotions and to be truthful in the way they represent themselves. We provide the opportunities for them to be learned and wise, to be curious and to be active in the Catholic Life of the school.

*Our school is committed to the UN convention on the rights of the child. This policy reflects the following articles;*

*Article 3 - Best interests of the child*

*Article 14 - Freedom of thought, belief and religion*

*Article 37 - Inhumane treatment and punishment*

## **Responding to speakers promoting messages of hatred and intolerance**

### **1. Introduction**

This "No Platform Policy" aims to ensure that The Rosary Catholic Primary School balances the right of freedom of speech against the potential use of its facilities for the promotion of extremist ideological, religious or political beliefs. In this context beliefs are considered to be extremist if they include the expression of racist or fascist views; if they incite hatred based on religious interpretation, ideology or belief; or if they promote discrimination on the grounds of political opinion, age, colour, disability, ethnic or national origin, gender, marital status, race, religion or sexual orientation.

This model policy is based on the No Platform Policy of Birmingham City Council.

### **2. Definitions**

"Extremism" is defined by the Government in the Prevent Strategy as:

"Vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. We also include in our definition of extremism calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas."

Not every part of this definition has to be satisfied for a particular individual or organisation to be regarded as extremist."

The Equality Act 2010 prohibits discrimination, harassment or victimisation on the basis of the "protected characteristics". These are:

- Age;
- Disability;
- Gender reassignment;
- Marriage and civil partnership;
- Pregnancy and maternity;
- Race;
- Religion or belief;
- Sex; and
- Sexual orientation.

The Terrorism Act 2000 establishes a list of "proscribed organisations". These are organisations that the Home Secretary believes are concerned in terrorism. It is an offence to belong to a proscribed organisation or to invite support for a proscribed organisation. This includes arranging, managing or addressing a meeting that is intended to support the activities of a proscribed organisation

A list of proscribed organisations and full details of the proscription offences can be found at -

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/322142/20140620)  
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[List of Proscribed organisations WEBSITE.pdf](#)

### 3. Principles

The Principles on which this policy is based are -

- a. No person may use the facilities of The Rosary Catholic Primary School to express or promote extremist ideological, religious or political views.
- b. No person may use the facilities of The Rosary Catholic Primary School to express or promote discriminatory views in relation to the protected characteristics listed in the Equality Act 2010.
- c. The Rosary Catholic Primary School will not allow the use of its facilities by any group or organisation that is proscribed by HM Government.

#### **4. Electronic Communication**

The Rosary Catholic Primary School will not allow the use of the school website, IT facilities or information management processes to:

- a. Promote discriminatory views in relation to the protected characteristics listed in the Equality Act 2010;
- b. Promote or glorify terrorism; or
- c. Promote extreme ideological, religious or political beliefs.

The school has a right to exercise control over all activities on its IT facilities, including electronic communications associated with the name of the school and use of school equipment to access external resources. This includes the right to monitor the use of school resources.

#### **5. Written and Printed Communication**

The Rosary Catholic Primary School has the right to exercise control over the content of any written or printed material that identifies itself as associated with the school. It will not allow the use of its facilities in the production of such material, or permit the use of its name, or of any identifying marks relating to the school, in such material, if that material appears to

- a. Promote discriminatory views in relation to the protected characteristics listed in the Equality Act 2010;
- b. Promote or glorify terrorism; or
- c. Promote extreme ideological, religious or political beliefs.

#### **6. Use of Buildings, Facilities and Property**

In deciding whether to allow any group or organisation to make use of its buildings, facilities and property will take into account the views, policies and objectives of that group or organisation and may refuse on the grounds that these are incompatible with the policies and objectives of the school. In particular, access will be refused if it appears likely that the proposed activity would promote extremist ideological, political or religious beliefs.

## **7. Accountability**

The local governing body has responsibility for this policy. The implementation of the policy is the responsibility of the Head Teacher/Principal.

The Rosary Catholic Primary School will use the No Platform Policy of Birmingham City Council for guidance on conducting research into the background of potential speakers, consulting other schools, other organisations, using search engines, assessing the reliability of information found, identifying risks to community cohesion etc.

## **8. Reporting Concerns**

School staff have a responsibility to act on concerns. Staff will have training on how to recognise a potential issue with the promotion of extremism in school. At The Rosary Catholic Primary School staff will inform Mrs Norris, the Headteacher, or in her absence, Mrs Banks (Deputy Head Teacher) if they have a concern.

Any staff member who has raised a concern will be given feedback on the action taken.

If after reporting a concern staff feel that no satisfactory action has been taken then they should escalate the concern by informing Mrs June Jackson (Chair of Governors) of their concerns. If a concern needs to be escalated further then The Rosary Catholic Primary School's Whistle Blowing Policy is to be used.

## **9. Training**

The school will ensure that school staff and Governors receive appropriate training in the issues raised by this policy.