

# **St. Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School**

## **School Prevent Strategy – September 2015**

Our School Prevent Strategy has been written in response to and in line with government guidance and forms part of the government's counter terrorism strategy which seeks to:

- respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and aspects of extremism, and the threat faced from those who promote these views
- provide practical help to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure they are given appropriate advice and support
- work with a wide range of sectors where there are risks of radicalisation which need to be addressed, including education, criminal justice, faith, charities, the internet and health

The purpose of the School Prevent Strategy is to protect students from harm and to ensure that they are taught in a way that is consistent with our school mission, the law and British values. We aim to succeed in this by doing the following:

- raise awareness
- provide information
- enable learners to make a positive contribution
- safeguard young people

All schools are required by law to teach a broad and balanced curriculum. At St. Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School students participate in a curriculum that promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils and prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life. At St. Edmund Arrowsmith we actively promote diversity through links between our school community, the local community and the national and global community. We do this by living out our school mission which actively promotes the Gospel values of Dignity, Understanding, Nurture, Discipleship and Respect. Our Mission Statement underpins our students' understanding and respect for wider communities and the ethos within the school permeates every aspect of school life. Our school challenges all prejudices (including Islamophobia and anti-Semitism) aiming to recognise and pre-empt vulnerable students who are at risk of isolation. Through our pastoral care systems, our rewards and consequences culture, acts of collective worship and through the Personal Development Curriculum along with the many enrichment activities, we ensure that the school is a safe place to learn and through the promotion of positive relationships, anti-bullying strategies minimise hate and prejudice based bullying. St. Edmund Arrowsmith seeks justice for all incidences of bullying and uses restorative approaches to repair harm when caused.

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