



Mayflower High School

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Mayflower High School is committed to providing a secure environment for pupils, where children feel safe and are kept safe. All adults at the 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.

At Mayflower High School we promote the values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs. We teach and encourage pupils to respect one another and to respect and tolerate difference, especially those of a different faith or no faith. It is a fundamental responsibility of our school to keep our pupils safe and prepare them for life in modern multi-cultural Britain and globally.

Mayflower High School is committed to tackling extremism and radicalisation. We recognise that extremism and exposure to extremist materials and influences can lead to poor outcomes for students and so should be addressed as a safeguarding concern. We also recognise that if we fail to challenge extremist views we are failing to protect our pupils. Extremists of all persuasions aim to develop destructive relationships between different communities by promoting division, fear and mistrust of others based on ignorance or prejudice and thereby limiting the life chances of young people. The education at Mayflower High School is a powerful weapon against this; equipping students with the knowledge, skills and critical thinking, to challenge and debate in an informed way.