

Oaktree School

Freedom of expression statement

Freedom of expression (written or spoken) are a fundamental right protected under the Human Rights Act. Freedom of expression may be limited in certain circumstances, in order to protect others from violence, hatred and discrimination

In particular, statements (written or spoken) that discriminate against or harass, or incite violence or hatred against, other persons and groups, by reference to their race, religious belief, gender or sexual orientation.

The boundary between the expression of intolerant or offensive views and hate speech is not always an easy one to draw. However, a number of factors are likely to be relevant, including the intention of the person making the statement, the context in which they are making it, the intended audience, and the particular words used.