



PREVENT POLICY

PREVENT is about safeguarding people and communities from the threat of terrorism. Prevent is 1 of the 4 elements of CONTEST, the Government's counter-terrorism strategy. It aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

The Prevent strategy:

- Responds to the ideological challenge we face from terrorism and aspects of extremism, and the threat we face from those who promote these views
- Provides practical help to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure they are given appropriate advice and support
- Works with a wide range of sectors (including education, criminal justice, faith, charities, online and health) where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to deal with

The purpose of this policy is:

- To ensure Homestays and those who work with us in a teaching capacity are aware of the Prevent Strategy, and are able to protect young people who are vulnerable or at risk of being radicalised, and promote core British values

We will do this by:

- Ensuring all who work with us are aware of the risks to young people of being radicalised and provide access to the Prevent e-learning package on www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk (→New Users → South West → Education (further) → English Language Schools → Carers)
- Ensure all who work with us are aware of how to identify and respond to risks to young people from extreme or radical views
- Ensure all who work with us are aware of the core British values of democracy: 1. Rule of Law, 2. Individual liberty, and 3. Respectful tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

Signs that may cause concern:

- Students talking about exposure to extremist materials or views
- Changes in behaviour, e.g. becoming isolated
- Fall in standard of work, poor attendance, disengagement
- Changes in attitude, e.g. intolerant of differences / having closed mind
- Asking questions about certain topics (e.g. connected to extremism)
- Offering opinions that appear to have come from extremist ideologies
- Attempts to impose own views/ beliefs on others
- Use of extremist vocabulary to exclude others or incite violence
- Accessing extremist material online or via social network sites
- Overt new religious practices
- Drawings or posters showing extremist ideology / views / symbols
- Young people voicing concerns about anyone

We require you to inform the HS&VB Prevent Co-ordinator if:

- You notice any significant behavioural changes
- You notice any signs of radical or extremist behaviour
- A young person makes any comment that gives cause for concern

Please make a note of what you have observed, what, if anything was said and who was present (facts not opinions please) and give this in writing to the Prevent Co-ordinator who will take appropriate actions. This may involve external agencies and contacting parents/guardians.

HS&VB upholds confidentiality at all times by:

Storing confidential information in line with our Data Protection Policy

Sharing information about children, young people, staff, volunteers and families on a clearly identified and agreed need to know basis.

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