



# PREVENTION OF EXTREMISM & RADICALISATION (PREVENT) at HSLC

As a school we recognise that safeguarding against radicalisation and extremism in all forms is no different from safeguarding against any other risk or vulnerability. HSLC recognise the very significant risks and concerns posed by extremism and radicalisation and the role that school has to play in appropriately guiding and educating pupils as a means to counter these threats, whether these are political, religious, ethical or emanating from other extreme belief systems.

Our commitment is that students see school as a safe place, where they can explore controversial issues safely, developing balanced and informed views and thus supporting progress to becoming responsible and thoughtful adults and citizens.

To this end HSLC is fully committed to meeting the legal requirements of the Prevent Duty (updated March 16):

***“to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”***

and to promote the acceptance and engagement by all members of the school community with the fundamental British values of:

- ***democracy***
- ***the rule of law***
- ***individual liberty***
- ***mutual respect***
- ***tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs***

Awareness of PREVENT and an understanding of the risks it is intended to address, are both vital to help identify young people whose behaviour suggests they are being radicalised and drawn into terrorism or extremism:

***Radicalisation:*** process by which people come to support terrorism and extremism and in some cases, go on to participate in terrorist groups

***Extremism:*** vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths

HSLC is committed to working proactively with pupils, parent/ / carers and partner agencies to identify and respond appropriately to concerns relating to radicalisation within our school community.

## **What is PREVENT**

PREVENT is a key part of the Government’s strategy to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. Early intervention is at the heart of PREVENT in diverting people away from being drawn into

terrorist activity. PREVENT happens before any criminal activity takes place. It is about recognising, supporting and protecting people who might be susceptible to radicalization in whatever form that may take e.g. developing and pursuing political and religious beliefs that may harm and endanger others.

### **Warning Signs and Risk Factors**

There is no such thing as a 'typical extremist' and those involved in extremism come from a range of backgrounds and backgrounds and sections of society. Research shows that the following indicators may help to identify factors that suggest a young person or their family may be vulnerable or involved with extremism:

- Accessing extremist websites, especially those with a social networking element
- Possessing extremist literature
- Peer, social, family or faith group rejection / noticeable change(s) in behaviour
- Verbal or written support of terrorist attacks or extremist views
- First hand experience of racial or religious hate crime
- Extended periods of travel to international locations know associated with extremism
- Planned travel to international locations know associated with extremism
- Evidence of fraudulent identity/use of documents to support this
- Experience of disadvantage, discrimination or social exclusion
- History of criminal activity
- Pending a decision on their immigration/national status
- Being in contact with extremist recruiters
- International acts of terrorism having a personal impact on the young person

### **Help and advice**

If you need help , advice, or perhaps more information about PREVENT, please contact Kay Sullivan or Emma Webster who are based in our Student Support Team (01964 530263). You can also contact the East Riding Early Help and Safeguarding Hub (EHASH) on 01482 395500.

Concerns about suspicious activity or behaviour can be reported to the Confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline at Humberside Police on 0800 789 321. In the case of an immediate threat, always dial 999

Further information and guidance is available in the HSLC **Policy to Support the Prevention of Extremism and Radicalisation (PREVENT)** and on the school web site <https://www.hslc.co.uk>