

## PREVENT POLICY

## What is prevent?

- A government Strategy to stop people becoming involved in violent extremism and/or in supporting terrorism.
- Affects everyone, not only under 18's or vulnerable adults; all students, staff and subcontractors.
- Coordinated by the Home Office, it includes:
  - Working with local community groups to support anti-radical/terrorist attitudes
  - Working with educational establishments, including ELT, to reduce risk of radicalisation
  - Identifying and safeguarding the vulnerable, who are more likely to be drawn into extremism
  - Identifying and challenging those holding extremist views

#### Other key points to be aware of:

- Police forces/local authorities now have Prevent Staff/ Coordinators
- Channel is a multi-agency support process to try and safeguard vulnerable people, once identified, from being drawn further into extremism and criminality
- Home Office have identified ELT providers as potential 'soft targets' for those promoting radical views
- Prevent applies to any extremism, e.g. Terrorism, racism, homophobia, right-wing ideology

#### **Legal Obligation**

The Counterterrorism and Security Act 2015 places a statutory duty on specified authorities (including colleges, schools, universities and others) to 'have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'

Guidance can be found at: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance/revised-prevent-duty-guidance-for-england-and-wales">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance-for-england-and-wales</a>

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### **Prevent Lead**

The Prevent Lead for SCL is Byron Skelton and in his absence, Kevin Mcnally will be able to advise.

#### **Training**

Records of all training must be kept on file.

Online training for all staff can be found at this link:

http://www.preventforfeandtraining.org.uk/prevent-online-training-modules

- Access the Practitioners (iii) and leaders and managers (iv) which is the most relevant training for ELT providers
- Any online training must be supported by SCL with one-to-one advice and training made available if needed

Staff training needs to include:

- a) Knowing what Prevent is and understanding the context
- b) Knowing how the college is meeting its Prevent duty, particularly with regard to any recent changes
- c) How to recognise vulnerable students
- d) Knowing what to do if concerned; guaranteeing confidentiality/support to those who report concerns
- e) Promoting core UK values to challenge extremist views, including the modelling of those values oneself

Student and group leaders need to know:

- (i) Terminology and the core British values
- (ii) Importance of maintaining a supportive and tolerant society within the school
- (iii) Any changes in school rules, particularly relating to IT and not accessing extremist websites
- (iv) That they must report any concerns they have (about anyone) and who to report to.

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#### **Core British Values are:**

**Democracy** - your opinion counts

**The rule of law** - no one is above the law, the law protects everyone, innocent until proven guilty

Individual liberty – freedom of speech

**Respectful tolerance of different faiths or beliefs** – all backgrounds and cultures, all ages, all genders and sexualities, all religions, and beliefs

SCL staff promote core British values and challenge when inappropriate views are expressed. We also develop student's critical thinking skills to help them question extreme views (for long term students).

#### **The School Environment**

SCL will ensure that the school environment is one where everyone feels safe and supported by protecting vulnerable students.

We ensure that we have:

- A designated safeguarding lead
- A quiet room available for prayer and contemplation
- Adequate school and residence security

## **IT Policies**

SCL staff and students will not be allowed to access and research any web sites or media portals on terrorism and counter terrorism in the course of their learning.

#### **Compliance**

Accreditation UK includes Prevent as part of Section 2.1 Legal and Regulatory compliance.

The full handbook can be accessed here:

https://www.britishcouncil.org/sites/default/files/k062 uk accreditation handbook 2019 final v2. pdf

It is covered in two inspection criteria:

- Providers will operate at all times in accordance with the declaration made in the 'Declaration of legal and regulatory form ....'

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- **W4** There are policies to promote tolerance and respect and procedures for dealing with any abusive behaviour. All staff and students are aware of these.

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