

## PREVENT - anti terrorism and anti-radicalisation of vulnerable people

### What do we mean by the term radicalisation?

Radicalisation refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and forms of extremism leading to terrorism. There is no obvious profile of anyone likely to become involved in extremism or a single indicator of when a person might move to adopt violence in support of extremist ideas.

The process of radicalisation is different for every individual and can take place over an extended period or within a very short time frame.

### What do we mean by the term prevention?

Prevention means reducing or eliminating the risk of individuals or groups becoming involved in terrorism. Prevent involves the identification and referral of those susceptible to violent extremism into appropriate interventions. These interventions are aimed to stop the vulnerable being radicalised. Extremists will always target the vulnerable in a bid to spread their firmly held, but flawed, ideologies, but we must tackle them at source and prevent people being brainwashed into terrorism.

### Anti-Radicalisation Policy

It is essential that staff are aware and can identify students that may be vulnerable to radicalisation and know what to do once they have been identified. Protecting children from the risk of radicalisation should be seen as part of schools' and childcare providers' wider safeguarding duties, and is similar in nature to protecting children from other harms (e.g. drugs, gangs, neglect, sexual exploitation), whether these come from within their family or are the product of outside influences.

The general risks affecting children and young people may vary from area to area, and according to their age. Guardians and Host Families are in an important position to identify risks within a given local context. It is important that OPDS understand these risks so that we can respond in an appropriate and proportionate way. At the same time OPDS should be aware of the increased risk of online radicalisation.

This policy will be reviewed regularly and at least annually, then updated as and when necessary.

## Useful contacts

To discuss with someone confidentially about problems you are having or worries that you might have about others please contact:

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### Public services help lines

Police Emergency: 999

Police Non-Emergency: 101

NHS: 111

NSPCC Hotline: 0808 800 5000

Anti Cyber-bullying Website: [www.bullying.co.uk/cyberbullying/](http://www.bullying.co.uk/cyberbullying/)

Childline

Visit: [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) Call: 0800 1111

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