

STATEMENT

Totnes European School understands its responsibilities under the Counter Terrorism & Security Act 2015 to prevent people of all ages being radicalised or drawn into terrorism.

Our aim is provide advice and support to:

- ❖ promote Core British Values.
- ❖ give detailed Prevent policies and procedures.
- ❖ ensure that everyone is being protected from potential radicalisation.
- ❖ provide clear procedures that should be implemented in the event of any concerns.

The school promotes a multicultural environment where respect for, and tolerance others beliefs is required. We aim to promote a safe and supportive environment to our staff and students.

Our principles and the Core British Values are:

- ❖ democracy.
- ❖ the rule of law.
- ❖ individual liberty.
- ❖ respectful tolerance of difference faiths and beliefs.

DEFINITIONS

EXTREMISM: *: holding extreme political or religious views which may deny right to any group or individual. Can be expressed in vocal or active opposition to Core British values (as above).

* NB: extremism can refer to a range of views, e.g. racism, homophobia, right-wing ideology, as well as any religious.

RADICALISATION: act or process of making a person more radical or favouring of extreme or fundamental changes in political, economic or social conditions, institutions or habits of the mind.

PREVENTION: is reducing or elimination the risk of individuals becoming involved in terrorism. Prevent involves the identification and referral of those susceptible to violent extremism into appropriate interventions. These interventions aim to divert those susceptible from embarking down the path to radicalisation.

VULNERIBILITY: is being susceptible to being wounded or hurt, open to moral attack, criticism, temptation, open to assault or difficult to defend.

OUR COMMITMENT

Our commitment to Prevent begins with our Prevent Team who ensures that we provide as much guidance and support to our staff, students, homestay providers and other relevant adults. We have the responsibility to uphold the principles and aims of this policy and have created a risk assessment and action plan to review annually.

Training provided is:

Staff

- ❖ A code of Conduct that refers to the Prevent duties.
- ❖ Online training.
- ❖ Face-to-face training by the Prevent team.

Homestay Providers

- ❖ A code of Conduct that refers to the Prevent duties.
- ❖ An information sheet for all homestay providers.

Students

- ❖ A code of Conduct that refers to the Prevent duties.
- ❖ Advice and Guidance where needed.

Prevent Team:

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Any reports will be dealt with carefully and in a sensitive manner.

IDENTIFYING CONCERN

Signs that may cause concern:

- ❖ Talking about exposure to extremist materials or views outside school.
- ❖ 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 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.
- ❖ Performing overt new religious practices.
- ❖ Having drawings or posters showing extremist ideology/ views/ symbols.
- ❖ Voicing concerns about anyone.

These signs would all show cause for concern and should be raised with the Prevent Lead Team immediately.

Any concerns relating to a person under 18 are safeguarding issues and should be dealt with by Safeguarding Staff / Prevent Lead Team.

COUNTERACTING RISK

These are the ways that we can reduce the risk of people radicalised and help promote and protect against extremism.

- ❖ Promote a safe and supportive international environment via clear expectations of accepted behaviours and those, including radicalisation and extremism that will not be tolerated.
- ❖ Promote core British values through information given to students, notices around school, discussions in class, examples set by staff and homestay providers.
- ❖ Where possible, develop critical awareness and thought to counter accepting extremism without question, especially of online material.
- ❖ Challenge radical or extremist views in any context (formal or informal) following the reported procedures.
- ❖ Be ready to react when local events or world events cause upset and the likelihood of conflicting feelings being expressed.
- ❖ Have strong filters on IT equipment and clear rules on accessing extremist/terrorist websites and the use of social networks to exchange extremist/terrorist views.
- ❖ Ensure that extremist speakers do not use premises to distribute material or expound views.
- ❖ Know your staff / homestay providers and students. Get to know their home circumstances and friendship groups. Through knowing students well, it is easier to spot changes in behaviour.
- ❖ Be observant and vigilant in noticing any signs of radical or extremist behaviour.
- ❖ Work hard supporting any students identified as vulnerable.