



Preventing Extremism and Radicalisation Policy

The Essential English Centre adheres to the UK government's definitions of extremism and radicalisation:

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 and beliefs; and/or calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas' (Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015)

Radicalisation: 'the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies associated with terrorist groups'.

The Essential English Centre welcomes students from all over the world, from many different ethnic backgrounds, religions and belief systems. We strive to create an inclusive, welcoming school, in which students can achieve their personal and professional goals. Everyone involved in school life (including staff, homestay providers and students) are entitled to have a safe and secure environment to work, study and reside, without extremist views infiltrating this in any way.

While at The EEC, we expect everyone to be aware of and respect Core British Values:

Democracy: A culture built upon freedom and equality, where everyone is aware of their rights and responsibilities

Rule of Law: The need for rules to make a happy, safe and secure environment to live and work.

Individual Liberty: Protection of your rights and the right of others you work with.

Mutual Respect & Tolerance*: Understanding that we don't all share the same beliefs, values and that we respect the values, ideas and beliefs of others.

*The Equality Act 2010 protects people from discrimination on the following grounds;

- Age
- Disability
- Gender reassignment
- Marriage or civil partnership
- Race
- Religion or belief
- Sex (gender)
- Sexual orientation

The Essential English Centre is committed to assessing the risk to students (both under 18 and over 18) of being drawn into terrorism and supporting extremist views. Staff and homestays are expected to understand the risks affecting our students and have an

understanding of how to identify individual students who may be at risk. As with safeguarding, staff should look for particular signs such as changes in behaviour and demeanour.

If staff or homestays are made aware of any of the following, they have a responsibility to report it to Safeguarding Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Catherine Rosenfield. If she is not available, report to the Student Services Manager. If neither is available, report to Bairbre Walsh or Jo Wilde.

Statements by students of their exposure to the extremist actions, views or materials of others outside of school, such as in their homes or community groups, especially where students have not actively sought these out

- Recognised graffiti symbols, writing or art work promoting extremist messages or images
- Students accessing extremist material online, including through social networking sites
- Worrying changes in behaviour, friendship or actions
- Students voicing opinions based on extremist ideologies and narratives
- Use of extremist or 'hate' terms to exclude others or incite violence
- Victimisation of another student or staff member due to the intolerance of a difference, whether religious or views based on, but not exclusive to, race, gender, age, appearance or dress, disability, economic background or political opinion.
- Attempts to impose extremist views or practices on others
- Anti-western or anti-British views inciting hatred

The DSL will assess each report and where necessary, will speak with Manchester's relevant local authority or Greater Manchester Police (GMP) Prevent Team.

Important contacts outside the organisation

Prevent:

The GMP Prevent Team can be contacted on 0161 856 6345.

The national police Prevent advice line is 0800 011 3764. These can also be contacted in confidence where a concern is needed to be shared with specially trained officers.

In an emergency, 999 should be called.

Further information is here: <https://www.gmp.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/t/prevent/prevent/>

Counter-Terrorism:

Counter Terrorism Policing North West (CTPNW) coordinates the operational counter terrorism response on behalf of the 5 North West forces: Cheshire, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Merseyside. To report a concern:

- In an emergency call 999

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- Report online-based or other concerns, including concerns about a vulnerable individual to Concern@lancashire.police.uk
- Call the confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789 321

For general counter-terrorism advice and support, call the Prevent phone line on 01772 413398

Safeguarding:

Manchester Safeguarding Partnership

Tel: 0161 234 5001

Email: mcsreply@manchester.gov.uk

Manchester Children's Services (part of Manchester City Council)

Tel: 0161 234 5001 (as above)

Email: mcsreply@manchester.gov.uk (as above)

NSPCC Child Protection Helpline 0808 800 5000

Forced Marriage:

- Forced marriage telephone: 0207 7008 0151
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forced-marriage>