

## PREVENT POLICY

### Radicalisation, Extremism and prevent for Staff and Homestay:

- This policy supports the PREVENT duty for LanguageUK as part of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act (2015).
- The policy is part of the overall safeguarding policy
- LanguageUK has zero tolerance of any member of our schools and homes engaged in extremist behaviour.
- As part of our safeguarding policy, all staff are expected to remain vigilant of any potential threat of radicalisation and extremism.
- to uphold and promote equality, individual liberty and respect for other cultures, faiths and beliefs, and respect for the rule of law.
- Under current legislation, LanguageUK is required to contain and respond to any extremist beliefs among its students that could potentially support acts of terrorism.
- LanguageUK policies and procedures could be assessed by government inspectors at any time at short notice, so we are keen to ensure we comply with the law.
- LanguageUK is a multinational, multicultural and multi-faith learning environment with students and staff originating from many and various parts of the world and is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all its students and staff.

### Prevent:

This is the government strategy to target terrorist groups in the UK and abroad.

The focus is to prevent repeats of terrorist acts such as the devastating attacks that killed 52 people in London on the 7th July 2005.

There are four strands to the strategy:

- Pursue – to stop terrorist attacks.
- Prevent – to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.
- Protect – to strengthen our protection against a terrorist attack.
- Prepare – to mitigate the impact of terrorist attacks Since 1st July, schools now have a duty to safeguard all from radicalisation under the Terrorism and security Act (2015).

### Extremism:

Is defined as vocal or active opposition to fundamental human values and those of our society, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.

### Radicalisation:

Is defined as the act or process of encouraging extremist views or actions in others, including forms of extremism leading to terrorism.

Although no incidents involving radicalisation and extremism have occurred at LanguageUK to date, it is important for all staff to be consistently vigilant and report to the director of any instances or suspicions arising from behaviours, conversations or comments made by others – inside and outside of the classroom – which might indicate a leaning or perceived interest in this direction.

LanguageUK staff must be alert to and have a duty to report:

- Graffiti symbols, writing or artwork promoting extremist views.
- Students accessing extremist material online and through social media.
- Students voicing opinions drawn from extremist ideologies.
- Attempts to impose extremist views or practices on others.
- Anti-western or anti-British views.
- Any reports of changes of behaviour, friendships and actions.

**Propaganda:**

Information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote a political cause or point of view.

**Terrorism:**

The unofficial or unauthorised use of violence and intimidation in the pursuit of political aims.

**Bias:**

Inclination or prejudice for or against one person or group, especially in a way considered to be unfair.

**Refugee:**

A person who has been forced to leave their country often because of war to find work or better living conditions.

**Migrant:**

A person who moves from one place to another to find work or better living conditions.

**ISIS/ Daesh:**

Is a Wahhabi/ Salafi jihadist Islamic extremist militant group. It is led by and mainly composed of Sunni Arabs from Iraq and Syria.

**Far Right:**

Far right politics are right-wing politics to the right of the mainstream centre right on the traditional left-right spectrum. They often involve a focus on tradition as opposed to policies and customs that are regarded as reflective of modernism.

All reports should be made to school director and the designated safety leader or designated safety person if she is not available. In extreme cases, we will call the police.

**Additional Materials**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2010-to-2015-government-policy-counter-terrorism>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-use-of-social-media-for-online-radicalisation>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protecting-children-from-radicalisation-the-prevent-duty>



**Information is vital. If you see or hear something that could be terrorist related, trust your instincts and call the confidential Anti-Terrorist hotline on 0800 789 321. Our specially trained officers will take it from there. Your call could save lives. Always in an emergency, call 999.**

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