



Prevent Statement

Our Prevent strategy aims to support fundamental British Values as part of the general social education of our students and ethos of the College.

Extremism is not accepted at The Henry Cort Community College from anyone involved within the College and its community and will be dealt with in line with whole College policies.

The College expects to be a safe place within which students can discuss and express their views and opinions. As an education institution we have a duty to ensure that this expectation is a reality for young people. However, extremism and extremist views can lead to poor outcomes for many individuals and will be regarded and treated as a safeguarding issue.

We regard extremism and or extremist views as:

“Vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. Statements calling for the harm to members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas, are extremist and should not be tolerated. In line with College practices, statements calling for harm to other genders, races, or ethnic groups should also be treated as unacceptable.”

Staff need to be alert to:

- Disclosures by students of their exposure to extremist views and materials, or the actions of others outside College in their homes or community.
- Graffiti symbols, writing or art work which promotes extremist messages or images.
- Students accessing extremist material online including through social networking sites.
- Parental reports of changes in behaviour, friendships or actions which give concern of extremist indoctrination. Requests to College for assistance should be regarded as a safeguarding concern.
- Cluster schools, local authority services, and police reports of issues affecting students in other schools or settings should be reported to the Child Protection Officer.
- Students voicing opinions drawn from extremist ideologies and narratives and the use of extremist or ‘hate’ terms to exclude others or incite violence should also be reported to the Child Protection Officer.
- Attempts to impose extremist views or practices on others, or anti western and anti British views should be reported to the Child Protection Officer.

- Intolerance of difference, whether secular or religious, including holding views based on gender, disability, sexual, race or cultural matters should be challenged when raised by students.

All adults in the College recognise that safeguarding is their responsibility irrespective of role and strive to demonstrate a pro-active and diligent approach to this aspect of our responsibilities as educators and safe guardians.

Through the consistent delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum we strive to protect our students and the wider community by promoting British values and cohesion amongst the College community. The College works hard to create a positive culture of mutual understanding in the College and community. We strive to promote a sense of belonging and tolerance for all. We are committed to creating an inclusive College which appreciates the importance of SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education) and deliver it to all students, encouraging full participation in our broad and balanced curriculum.

All staff are expected to uphold and promote the fundamental British principles of valuing the rule of law and individual liberty, together with the mutual respect and tolerance to those of other faiths, backgrounds and beliefs. Teaching all of our students to respect each other and tolerate differences, we intend to build and develop their resilience giving them a safe place to discuss controversial issues whilst gaining the knowledge and confidence to challenge extremist beliefs and ideologies.

By following the above we seek to:

- Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism.
- Address aspects of extremism when they arise and the threat faced from those who promote those views.
- Provide practical help where appropriate to prevent people being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given advice and support.
- Work with a wide range of sectors where there are risks of radicalisation which need to be addressed, including education, criminal justice, faith, charities, the internet and health.

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