



Anti-Radicalisation – PREVENT Policy

Kew Learning recognises its duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and in line with The Prevent Duty June 2015 to have 'due regard to the need to prevent people being drawn into terrorism'. The aim of the Prevent Duty is to reduce the threat to the UK from terrorism by stopping people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

Kew Learning accepts the Department for Education's definition of extremism as; '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. Also included in this definition of extremism is calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas. Terrorist groups very often draw on extremist ideas developed by extremist organisations.

Kew Learning staff need to be able to identify children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation and know what to do when they are identified.

Prevent / Anti-Radicalisation

The ChildLine Website explains radicalisation as follows:

"Radicalisation is when someone starts to believe or support extreme views. They could be pressured to do things illegal by someone else. Or they might change their behaviour and beliefs.

"This could happen if they feel:

- Isolated and lonely or wanting to belong
- Unhappy about themselves and what others might think of them
- Embarrassed or judged about their culture, gender, religion, or race
- Stressed or depressed
- Fed up with being bullied or treated badly by other people or by society
- Angry at other people or the government
- Confused about what they are doing
- Pressured to stand up for other people who are being oppressed

“Someone who has been radicalised might believe that sexual, religious, or racial violence is OK. They may be influenced by what they see online. And they might have links to extreme groups that preach hate like Nazi groups or Islamic extremists like Daesh, also known as ISIS or IS.

“Having extreme views can be dangerous. And this can often lead to harmful and illegal activities involving violence, attacks, discrimination or hate - which the person could be arrested or sent to prison for. This can affect them and their future.”

If you are worried about the behaviour of someone you know, or if you think that someone is trying to radicalise you, seek help. Kew Learning’s Designated Safeguarding Lead is trained to deal with any concerns you may have:

DSL: Min You (Pastoral Lead), +44 (0) 7535527756 office@kewlearning.co.uk

Alternatively speak to a trusted adult in your school, such as the DSL, a member of Kew Learning’s staff, your parents or your homestay. You could also speak to ChildLine on 0800 1111. If you think someone is in serious danger, you can call 999 for urgent help.

Further information on Prevent, Radicalisation can be found in the Kew Learning PREVENT Policy.

The ChildLine website has further information that you may find useful:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/>

The Prevent Duty

In order for all those involved in student welfare to fulfil the Prevent Duty it is essential that Kew Learning staff receive adequate training so that they are able to identify children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation and know what to do when they are identified.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (Min You) has undertaken Prevent awareness training and can provide advice and support to other members of staff on protecting young people from the risk of radicalisation.

The government has developed a free e-learning course that once successfully completed will meet the Prevent Duty training requirements. The course takes about 45 minutes to complete.

We would encourage all members of staff to complete this course and send the course completion certificate to Min You (DSL) on office@kewlearning.co.uk so

this training can be formally recorded. The course can be accessed using the link below.

<https://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk>

Students will also be alerted to the Prevent policy upon joining Kew Learning through their Area Managers. This may be best done through age-appropriate discussion when handing over our Student Handbook.

The general risks affecting children and young people can vary from area to area, and according to their age. Kew Learning staff and our host families are in an important position to identify risks within a local context. Kew Learning staff also need to be aware of the increased risk of online radicalisation, as terrorist organisations such as ISIL/ISIS seek to radicalise young people using social media and the internet.

There is no single way of identifying an individual who is likely to be susceptible to a terrorist ideology. Therefore, staff must use their professional judgement in identifying children who might be at risk of radicalisation and act proportionately. Kew Learning staff need to be alert to changes in students' behaviour which could indicate that they may be in need of help or protection. Young people at risk of radicalisation may display different signs or seek to hide their views. Kew Learning staff will not be expected to unnecessarily intrude into their students' lives but as with any other safeguarding risk, they must act when they observe behaviour of concern.

If Kew Learning staff or students do have a concern about a young person, they should follow Kew Learning normal safeguarding procedures, including discussing their concerns with the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Min You. Further steps can then be taken by the DSL to refer on to the Local Children Safeguarding Board and/or seek advice from other involved parties such as the students' school.

DSL – Min You 07535527756 or office@kewlearning.co.uk

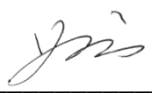
Kew Learning 24-hour emergency number is 07535527756 (Min You)

In Prevent priority areas of the UK, the local authority will have a Prevent lead who can also provide support to the DSL or any staff member if needed. The local police can also be contacted by dialling 101 (non-emergency number).

The Department for Education (DfE) has a dedicated helpline of 0207 3407264 or counter.extremism@education.gov.uk to enable staff to raise concerns relating to extremism directly if preferred. The helpline is not intended for use in emergency situations, such as a young person being at immediate risk of harm or a security incident, in which case the normal emergency procedures such as dialling 999 should be followed.

This very useful website has further information and practical help and guidance - <https://www.itai.info/useful-links/>

This Policy is approved and robustly endorsed by KEW LEARNING and is due for review every year.

Signed:  _____

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