



Prevent strategy

Prevent and counter terrorism strategy

The School takes its responsibilities for safeguarding very seriously. In accordance with the Counter Terrorism and Security Act the College has a responsibility to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and participates fully in such work.

Prevent is a strand of the Government counter terrorism strategy - CONTEST. The UK faces a range of terrorist threats. All the terrorist groups who pose a threat seek to radicalise and recruit people to their cause. The Prevent strategy seeks to:

respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and aspects of extremism, and the threat faced from those who promote these views.

provide practical help to stop people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure they are given appropriate advice and support.

work with a wide range of sectors where there are risks of radicalisation which needs to be addressed, including education, criminal justice, faith, charities, the internet, social media and health.

A system of threat level has been created which represents the likelihood of an attack in the near future. The five levels are:

Critical - an attack is expected imminently

Severe - an attack is highly likely.

Substantial - an attack is a strong possibility

Moderate - an attack is possible but not likely

Low - an attack is unlikely.

The current threat level from international terrorism in the UK is severe which means that a terrorist attack is highly likely.

Interactive English Language School Ltd is an inclusive education provider for adults, particularly young people from outside of the UK. The age and profile of students make it crucial to be actively involved in the Prevent strategy. The School has a part to play in fostering shared values and promoting cohesion. Extremist ideology runs counter to the School and British values which make our community successful such as respect and tolerance for others, the rights of all to live and study free from persecution of any kind, freedom of speech, democracy, the rule of law and equality of opportunity and treatment. Extremism promotes fear and division and actively seeks to cause destructive relationships between different communities. This strategy has five key objectives:

1. To promote and reinforce School and British values; to create space for free and open debate; listen and support the learner voice and enable students to develop their self- knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence.
2. To promote social cohesion by supporting inter-faith and inter-cultural dialogue and understanding, and to engage all students in playing a full and active role in wider engagement in society.
3. To ensure student safety and that the School is free from bullying, harassment and discrimination.
4. To provide support for students who may be at risk and appropriate sources of advice and guidance.
5. To ensure that students and staff are aware of their roles and responsibilities in preventing terrorism and radicalisation.