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Preventing Extremism and Radicalisation Policy

Angle Education is committed to providing a secure environment for all of our students, staff and stakeholders. The current threat from terrorism extremism in the United Kingdom can involve the exploitation of vulnerable people, including children, young people and vulnerable adults to involve them in terrorism or activity in support of terrorism. Since 2010, when the Government published the Prevent Strategy, there has been an awareness of the specific need to safeguard children, young people and families from violent extremism. There have been several occasions both locally and nationally in which extremist groups have attempted to radicalise vulnerable children and young people to hold extreme views including views justifying political, religious, sexist or racist violence, or to steer them into a rigid and narrow ideology that is intolerant of diversity and leaves them vulnerable to future radicalisation.

Angle Education values freedom of speech and the expression of beliefs / ideology as fundamental rights underpinning our society's values. Both students and teachers have the right to speak freely and voice their opinions. However, freedom comes with responsibility and free speech that is designed to manipulate the vulnerable or that leads to violence and harm of others goes against the moral principles in which freedom of speech is valued. Free speech is not an unqualified privilege; it is subject to laws and policies governing equality, human rights, community safety and community cohesion.

The current threat from terrorism in the United Kingdom may include the exploitation of vulnerable people, to involve them in terrorism or in activity in support of extremism and terrorism. The normalisation of extreme views may also make children and young people vulnerable to future manipulation and exploitation. Angle Education is clear that this exploitation and radicalisation should be viewed as a safeguarding concern.

Our school's Preventing Extremism and Radicalisation Policy also draws upon the guidance contained in the "Prevent Strategy, 2011", DfE Guidance "Keeping Children Safe in Education, 2014"; "Tackling Extremism in the UK", DfE's "Teaching Approaches that help Build Resilience to Extremism among Young People" and Peter Clarke's Report of July 2014.

Definitions of radicalisation and extremism, and indicators of vulnerability to radicalisation are to be found in **Appendix 1**. In adhering to this policy, and the procedures therein, staff, directors and visitors will contribute to Angle Education's delivery of the outcomes to all children, as set out in the Children Act 2004.

School Ethos and Practice

There is no place for extremist views of any kind in our schools, whether from internal sources – students, group leaders or staff, or external sources – including external

agencies or individuals. It is imperative that our students and parents see our school as a safe place where they can discuss and explore controversial issues safely and in an unbiased way and where our teachers encourage and facilitate this. As a school we recognise that extremism and exposure to extremist materials and influences can lead to poor outcomes for our students. We also recognise that if we fail to challenge extremist views we are failing to protect our students.

Extremists of all persuasions aim to develop destructive relationships between different communities by promoting division, fear and mistrust of others based on ignorance or prejudice and thereby limiting the life chances of young people. Education is a powerful weapon against this; equipping young people with the knowledge, skills and critical thinking, to challenge and debate in an informed way. Therefore, at Angle Education we will ensure our staff are aware of the indicators of vulnerability to radicalisation (Appendix 1) and also that as a big part of our courses involve students learning about UK culture that this is delivered in a sensitive way by our teachers so that all students are enriched, understand and become tolerant of difference and diversity and also to ensure that they thrive, feel valued and not marginalised.

We are aware that young people can be exposed to extremist influences or prejudiced views from an early age which emanate from a variety of sources and media, including via the internet, and at times students may themselves reflect or display views that may be discriminatory, prejudiced or extremist, including using derogatory language.

Any prejudice, discrimination or extremist views, including derogatory language, displayed by students, staff, visitors or parents will always be challenged and where appropriate dealt with. Where misconduct by a teacher is proven the matter will be referred to the National College for Teaching and Leadership for their consideration as to whether to a Prohibition Order is warranted.

As part of wider safeguarding responsibilities school staff will be alert to:

- Disclosures by students of their exposure to the extremist actions, views or materials of others outside of school, such as in their homestay or residential accommodation, by any group leader or activity leader, especially where students have not actively sought these out.
- Graffiti symbols, writing or art work promoting extremist messages or images
- Students accessing extremist material online, including through social networking sites
- Parental reports of changes in behaviour, friendship or actions and requests for assistance
- Local schools, Local Authority services, and police reports of issues affecting pupils in other schools or settings
- Students voicing opinions drawn from extremist ideologies and narratives
- Use of extremist or 'hate' terms to exclude others or incite violence
- Intolerance of difference, whether secular or religious or, in line with our equalities policy, views based on, but not exclusive to, gender, disability, homophobia, race, colour or culture

- Attempts to impose extremist views or practices on others
- Anti-Western or Anti-British views

Teaching Approaches

We will all strive to eradicate the myths and assumptions that can lead to some young people becoming alienated and disempowered, especially where the narrow approaches children may experience elsewhere may make it harder for them to challenge or question these radical influences. In our school this will be achieved by good teaching, especially in all our General English courses where UK life and culture forms a core part of the syllabus; but also by adopting the methods outlined in the Government's guidance 'Teaching approaches that help build resilience to extremism among young people' DfE 2011.

We will ensure that all of our teaching approaches help our students build resilience to extremism and give pupils a positive sense of identity through the development of critical thinking skills. We will ensure that all of our staff are equipped to recognise extremism and are skilled and confident enough to challenge it. We will be flexible enough to adapt our teaching approaches, as appropriate, so as to address specific issues so as to become even more relevant to the current issues of extremism and radicalisation.

This approach will be embedded within the ethos of our school so that students know and understand what safe and acceptable behaviour is in the context of extremism and radicalisation. This will work in conjunction with our schools approach to social and cultural development of students, which is an intrinsic part of our General English syllabus, school code of conduct and overall ethos.

We will also work with those agents who send us students, their group leaders, our host family provider and the teams of staff at our various residences in our efforts to ensure our school understands and embraces the importance of challenging extremist views and to assist in the broadening of our students' experiences and horizons. We will help support students who may be vulnerable to such influences as part of our wider safeguarding responsibilities and where we believe a student is being directly affected by extremist materials or influences we will ensure that that student is offered mentoring. Additionally, in such instances our school will seek external support from the Police local to our sites and/or local partnership structures working to prevent extremism.

We will strive to exemplify and promote the Core British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs. We will teach and encourage pupils to respect one another and to respect and tolerate difference, especially those of a different faith or no faith. It is indeed our most fundamental responsibility to keep our students safe and educate them about life in modern multi-cultural Britain and globally.

Extremist Materials

Angle Education has in place a number of measures to ensure extremist material cannot be accessed on site:

Online Internet access in the school is not allowed for students except during supervised research for the final presentation (this is only available in certain sites).

Notice Boards - Any notices not placed by the school must be submitted to Reception for approval. In the case of notices in a language other than English, this may involve getting them translated. If approved, the notice is stamped with the school stamp.

Any notices not placed by the school or bearing the school stamp are immediately removed. The Centre Manager/DoS will check with the school/college/university staff in cases where any notices are displayed that raise any concern at all.

Other Materials - Other materials, including leaflets, displayed around the school may not be left by individuals. Materials that have not been placed by the school or its representatives/partners will be removed immediately.

Teaching and Learning

Teachers are contractually obliged to include materials based on British culture and Core British Values. A range of materials is available to teachers and can be found in the suggested daily materials documents. It is always highlighted where a material is linked to core British values.

Reporting Concerns

All staff, representatives, sub-contractors and students must be given the names and contact details of the Prevent Lead Persons at the commencement of employment, work or study. These details are given during inductions and in relevant handbooks. In addition, there are posters throughout the school detailing this information.

It must be made clear to all staff, representatives, sub-contractors and students that all concerns or incidents, however small, must be reported at once to a Prevent Lead Person. Further action is then decided upon by the Prevent Lead Persons.

It must be made clear to all staff, representatives, sub-contractors and students that their confidentiality is assured, and that the process will be dealt with in as sensitive and careful a way as possible.

Use of External Agencies and Speakers at Angle Education

Angle Education does at times use external agencies to provide services for our students which can include providing residential and/or homestay accommodation, giving guest speeches in areas of specialism relevant to a specific course of study, however we will positively vet those external agencies, individuals or speakers who we engage to provide any services for our students. Such vetting is to ensure that we do not unwittingly use agencies that contradict each other with their messages or that are inconsistent with, or are in complete opposition to, Angle Education's values and ethos. We must be aware that

in some instances the work of external agencies may not directly be connected with the rest of the school curriculum so we need to ensure that this work is of benefit to our students. Our school will assess the suitability and effectiveness of input from external agencies or individuals to ensure that:

- Any messages communicated to students support fundamental British Values
- Any messages communicated to students are consistent with the ethos of Angle Education and do not marginalise any communities, groups or individuals
- Any messages communicated to students do not seek to glorify criminal activity or violent extremism or seek to radicalise students through extreme or narrow views of faith, religion or culture or other ideologies
- Activities are properly embedded in the syllabus and timetables and structured to avoid contradictory messages or duplication.

Risk reduction

The Academic Director (the DSL) and the Welfare Officer (The DDSL) will assess the level of risk within each school site and put actions in place to reduce that risk. Risk assessment may include consideration of the school's syllabus, E Safety policy, visiting speakers, the co-use of any school site by any other body and the anti-bullying policy. The school will screen staff, visitors and any group leaders to ensure that they will not deliver messages of extremism or radicalisation.

Response

Angle Education has a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) who is the lead within the organisation for safeguarding in relation to protecting individuals from radicalisation and involvement in terrorism. The responsibilities of the DSL are described in Appendix 2. **The SPOC at Angle Education is the Academic Director, Andy Cossey.**

Staff at Angle Education will be alert to the fact that whilst Extremism and Radicalisation is broadly a safeguarding issue there may be some instances where a child or children may be at direct risk of harm or neglect. For example; this could be due to a child displaying risky behaviours in terms of the activities they are involved in or the groups they are associated with or staff may be aware of information about a child's family that may equally place a child at risk of harm. (These examples are for illustration and are not definitive or exhaustive) Therefore all adults working in Angle Education (including group leaders accompanying staff from their country, volunteers, accommodation agencies and staff/host families) are required to report instances where they believe a child may be at risk of harm or neglect or if they have concerns that a student may be at risk of radicalisation or involvement in terrorism They should speak with the DSL, Andy Cossey.

Appendix 1

Indicators of vulnerability to radicalisation

1. Radicalisation refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and forms of extremism leading to terrorism.
2. Extremism is defined by the Government in the Prevent Strategy 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. We also include in our definition of extremism calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas.
3. Extremism is defined by the Crown Prosecution Service as: The demonstration of unacceptable behaviour by using any means or medium to express views which:
 - Encourage, justify or glorify terrorist violence in furtherance of particular beliefs.
 - Seek to provoke others to terrorist acts.
 - Encourage other serious criminal activity or seek to provoke others to serious criminal acts; or foster hatred which might lead to inter-community violence in the UK.
4. There is no such thing as a "typical extremist": those who become involved in extremist actions come from a range of backgrounds and experiences, and most individuals, even those who hold radical views, do not become involved in violent extremist activity.
5. Pupils may become susceptible to radicalisation through a range of social, personal and environmental factors - it is known that violent extremists exploit vulnerabilities in individuals to drive a wedge between them and their families and communities. It is vital that school staff are able to recognise those vulnerabilities.
6. Indicators of vulnerability include:
 - Identity Crisis – the student is distanced from their cultural / religious heritage and experiences discomfort about their place in society.
 - Personal Crisis – the student / pupil may be experiencing family tensions; a sense of isolation; and low self-esteem; they may have dissociated from their existing friendship group and become involved with a new and different group of friends; they may be searching for answers to questions about identity, faith and belonging.
 - Personal Circumstances – migration; local community tensions; and events affecting the student / pupil's country or region of origin may contribute to a sense of grievance that is triggered by personal experience of racism or discrimination or aspects of Government policy.
 - Unmet Aspirations – the student / pupil may have perceptions of injustice; a feeling of failure; rejection of civic life.
 - Experiences of Criminality – which may include involvement with criminal groups, imprisonment, and poor resettlement / reintegration.
 - Special Educational Need – students / pupils may experience difficulties with social interaction, empathy with others, understanding the consequences of their actions and awareness of the motivations of others.
7. This list is not exhaustive, nor does it mean that all young people experiencing the above are at risk of radicalisation for the purposes of violent extremism. More critical risk factors could include:
 - Being in contact with extremist recruiters.
 - Accessing violent extremist websites, especially those with a social networking element.
 - Possessing or accessing violent extremist literature.
 - Using extremist narratives and a global ideology to explain personal disadvantage.
 - Justifying the use of violence to solve societal issues.
 - Joining or seeking to join extremist organisations and significant changes to appearance and / or behaviour.
 - Experiencing a high level of social isolation resulting in issues of identity crisis and/or personal crisis.

Appendix 2 - Preventing violent extremism

Prevent Duty Roles and responsibilities of the DSL

The DSL for Angle Education is The Academic Director, Andy Cossey, who in relation to Prevent Duty is responsible for:

- Ensuring that staff of the school are aware that he is the SPOC in relation to protecting students/pupils from radicalisation and involvement in terrorism.
- Maintaining and applying a good understanding of the relevant guidance in relation to preventing students from becoming involved in terrorism and protecting them from radicalisation by those who support terrorism or forms of extremism which lead to terrorism.
- Raising awareness about the role and responsibilities of Angle Education in relation to protecting students from radicalisation and involvement in terrorism.
- Monitoring the effect in practice of the school's incorporation of cultural activities in it's General English syllabus to ensure that they are used to promote community cohesion and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.
- Raising awareness within the school about the safeguarding processes relating to protecting students from radicalisation and involvement in terrorism.
- Acting as the first point of contact within the school for case discussions relating to students who may be at risk of radicalisation or involved in terrorism.
- To keep up do date with **Channel** information and to contact them if any cases of radicalisation are uncovered.
- Sharing any relevant additional information in a timely manner.

Channel is a multi-agency approach to provide support to individuals who are at risk of being drawn into terrorist related activity and it aims to:

- Establish an effective multi-agency referral and intervention process to identify vulnerable individuals.
- Safeguard individuals who might be vulnerable to being radicalised, so that they are not at risk of being drawn into terrorist-related activity and provide early intervention to protect and divert people away from the risks they face and reduce vulnerability.

The most recent guidance by **Channel** can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/425189/Channel_Duty_Guidance_April_2015.pdf