



Prevent Policy

Summers Abroad understands its responsibilities under the Counter Terrorism & Security Act 2015 to prevent people of all ages being radicalised or drawn into terrorism and seeks to meet its obligations. Summers Abroad promotes a multicultural environment where respect for and tolerance of other beliefs is of utmost importance.

Summers Abroad promotes the core British values of:

- Democracy
- Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Respect & Tolerance

Definition of radicalisation and extremism

Extremism is defined as vocal or active opposition to fundamental human values 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.

Aims

The main aim of this policy statement is to ensure that staff are aware of and stay vigilant about radicalisation; that they overcome any professional or personal disbelief that such issues will not happen here.

Principle objectives

All staff will have an understanding of what radicalisation and extremism are and why we need to be vigilant in school.

All staff will be made aware of what the school policy is on anti-radicalisation and extremism and will follow the school's procedure if any issues arise.

Students will know that the school has policies in place, as part of a safeguarding umbrella, to keep them safe and that the school regularly reviews its systems to ensure they are appropriate and effective.

Procedures

All staff need to be vigilant and report to their line manager any instances or suspicions arising from behaviours, conversations or comments made by others – inside and outside of the classroom – which might indicate a particular leaning or perceived interest in this direction

Summers Abroad will endeavour to implement the following:

- Make and maintain contact with the local authority Prevent coordinators to understand their role and the support available.
- Share information with all local organisations as appropriate.
- Promote a safe and supportive international environment via clear expectations of accepted behaviours.
- Promote core British values through student inductions and notices around accommodation sites.
- Develop critical awareness and thought to counter accepting extremism without question, primarily through restricting (with the help of the University) internet access.
- Challenge radical or extremist views in any context (formal or informal) via stated procedures.
- Be ready to react when world or local events (e.g. Paris attacks) cause upset and the likelihood of conflicting feelings being expressed. The Prevent lead will take initiative in these situations.
- Have strong filters on IT equipment (with the help of the University) and clear rules on accessing extremist/ terrorist websites/ uses of social networks to exchange extremist/ terrorist views.
- Ensure that extremist speakers do not use premises to distribute material or expound views; have a system for vetting any visiting speakers/ presenters.
- Staff will get to know students, their home circumstances and friendship groups, making it easier to spot changes in behaviour, and will be observant and vigilant in noticing any signs of radical or extremist behaviour, making it easier to identify vulnerable students.

Summers Abroad undertakes to review this policy on a regular basis, and in the light of new knowledge, changes in legislation and/or operational procedures.

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