



PREVENT POLICY

The Counter Terrorism & Security Act 2015 places a statutory duty on specified authorities, including ELT providers such as North West Academy of English (NWA), to ‘have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.’

NWA operates as a year-round English language provider and accepts students from all around the world from ten years of age through to adulthood. The school promotes a multi-cultural environment where respect for and tolerance of others, regardless of nationality, gender, age, ability or belief, is required.

NWA understands the risk of extremism: namely that students, staff and other adults (group leaders, homestays etc.) may arrive at the school already holding extremist views. Or that whilst attending the centre, they may be influenced by a range of factors such as global events, peer pressure, media, extremist materials (in print or online) and social networks.

Due to the nature of the ELT industry, the school has a multicultural make-up which is in constant flux. NWA promotes the core values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty and respect and tolerance.

Our school will endeavour to meet its duty to identify, challenge and safeguard any vulnerable person/s at risk of being radicalised or drawn into terrorism in a proportionate and risk-based way. We will:

- Inform all staff and homestay providers about the Prevent Duty and their responsibilities to implement the policy;
- Establish clear procedures for recognising, responding to and reporting concerns;
- Ensure that any guest speakers, subcontractors and other service providers conform to NWA’s standards for health, safety and welfare;
- Promote the values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty and respectful tolerance of different faiths or beliefs throughout our school in all programmes;
- Have strong filters on IT systems blocking online material which targets the vulnerable and promotes radicalisation or extremism;
- Align safeguarding procedures with those of the Prevent Duty and have a nominated Prevent Lead;
- Ensure a safe and supportive international environment at the school as promoted by our welfare policies and staff code of conduct;
- Regularly monitor and review all operations to assure adherence to legislative requirements.

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



Our response to any concerns has to be proportionate and dependent on context. Responses for support rely on the right people being involved at the right time.

There is a 3-step process to follow:

Notice Check Share

Notice – have you noticed any cause for concern or are concerned for someone who may be vulnerable?

Check – talk to a colleague and articulate what gave you cause for concern.

Share – who can best help put that concern into context? Who is best qualified to take the concerns forward?

Concerns should be communicated to:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

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Your DSL will be able to find the right person to provide support when required.

Also refer to CHANNEL

Channel is part of the Prevent strategy. The process is a multi-agency approach to identify and provide support to individuals who are at risk of being drawn into terrorism.

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Signed: 

(Chief Executive, North West Academy of English)

Queries relating to this policy should be addressed to

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