



### **Vulnerability to Radicalisation or Extreme View Points**

The academy recognises its duty to protect our students from indoctrination into any form of extreme ideology which may lead to the harm of self or others. This is particularly important because of the open access to electronic information through the internet. The academy aims to safeguard young people through educating them on the appropriate use of social media and the dangers of downloading and sharing inappropriate material which is illegal under the Counter-Terrorism Act.

The school vets all visitors carefully and will take firm action if any individual or group is perceived to be attempting to influence members of our school community, either physically or electronically.

Our definition of radical or extreme ideology is 'a set of ideas which could justify vilification or violence against individuals, groups or self.'

Staff are expected to be vigilant and to always report anything which may suggest a student is expressing opinions which may cause concern.

Our core mission of diversity permeates all we do. We place a strong emphasis on the common values that all communities share such as self-respect, tolerance and the sanctity of life.

We work hard to broaden our students' experience, to prepare them for life and work in contemporary Britain. We teach them to respect and value the diversity around them as well as understanding how to make safe, well-considered decisions.

### **What can I do as a professional?**

As a professional working with young people, you may have opportunities to identify issues early, so it is important to familiarise yourself with the signs that a child or young person is being exploited and share this information.

Other steps you can take to help protect children and young people include:

- staying alert to changes in behaviour or any physical signs of abuse and investigating these further;

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- ensuring you know who the child protection lead is in the college and that you are aware of the procedure to follow if you have concerns about a young person;
- thinking about ways that you might be able to better support and help young people to share information if they are worried about their own or another young person's situation.

If in doubt, seek advice by contacting the DSL identified in the Safeguarding policy or raise a concern using MyConcern@.

Chair of Governors, Di Smith has been appointed as the Safeguarding Governor for UTC@harbourside

### **Preventing extremism in schools and children's services**

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