

Extremism and Vulnerability Policy

At Chatsworth Futures Specialist College we are committed to actively promoting the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. Consequently, learners are encouraged to develop and demonstrate skills and attitudes that will allow them to participate fully in and contribute positively to life in modern Britain.

There is a current threat from terrorism in the UK and this can include the exploitation of vulnerable people, aiming to involve them in terrorism or to be active in supporting terrorism. All staff have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and draw upon The Prevent Duty Guidance 2015, DfE Guidance 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (2023) and the DfE's 'Teaching Approaches that help Build Resilience to Extremism among Young People' (2011).

When operating this policy, we will use the following accepted Governmental definition of extremism which is

'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; and/or calls for the death of members in our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas'.

Staff will complete training that gives them knowledge and confidence to identify vulnerable people at risk of being drawn into terrorism, and to challenge extremist ideologies. Being drawn into terrorism includes not just violent but non-violent extremism, which can create an atmosphere conducive to terrorism and can popularise views which terrorists can exploit.

Concerns should be referred to the Designated Safeguarding Adult Lead who has local contact details for Prevent and Channel referrals. Link below : <https://www.salford.gov.uk/people-communities-and-local-information/the-prevent-duty/referral-form-and-guidance/>

They will also consider whether circumstances require the police to be contacted. The website below provides further information.
<http://www.partnersinsalford.org/asg-extremism.htm>

The Department for Education provides a helpline for anyone concerned about a vulnerable person who may be at risk of extremism, or about extremism within an organisation working with vulnerable people.

Email: counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk or telephone: 020 7340 7264.

