

## Preventing Extremism and Radicalisation Policy

The UK Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places upon the College the responsibility to have 'due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'.

The related Prevent strategy has three specific strategic objectives:

- Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat faced from those who promote it;
- Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support;
- Work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that need to be addressed.

The Prevent Duty Guidance for Scotland indicates that Prevent activity may include issues associated with sectarianism and extremism. Terrorist groups often draw on extremist ideology, developed by extremist organisations. Some people who join terrorist groups have previously been members of extremist organisations and have been radicalised by them. The Government has defined extremism 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.'

The School will undertake Prevent awareness and other training that could help staff to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. The Principal is Basil Paterson's Prevent lead professional and the single point of contact for external agencies. Any concerns should be directed to the Principal and standard safeguarding procedures will be followed.

This policy should be read in conjunction with Basil Paterson Edinburgh's:

- Safeguarding Policy
- ICT, Mobile Devices and E-Safety Policy
- Pastoral Care Policy
- Social Media Policy

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