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Prevent Duty Policy

Blackbird Creative Arts Ltd

1. Introduction

Under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, Blackbird Creative Arts Ltd has a statutory duty to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism." This is known as the Prevent Duty. We recognise that protecting children and young people from radicalisation is a vital part of our wider safeguarding and child protection duties, in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2025.

2. Our Ethos and Values

We provide a safe, creative, and supportive environment where students feel valued. We actively promote fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. We build our students' resilience to radicalisation by promoting critical thinking and providing a safe space in which to debate controversial issues.

3. Identifying Risks and Vulnerabilities

We recognise that students in Alternative Provision can be particularly vulnerable to exploitation, grooming, and radicalisation. Staff are trained to remain vigilant to signs that a young person may be at risk, which can include:

Sudden or secretive changes in online behaviour or peer groups.

Expressing extreme, intolerant, or violent views.

Using scripts or language associated with extremist ideologies (including extreme right-wing, Islamist, or involuntary celibate/incel ideologies).

A sudden withdrawal from their usual activities or displaying sympathy for extremist causes.

4. IT and Online Safety

To protect our students from exposure to extremist materials, we ensure robust filtering and monitoring systems are in place on all provision devices and networks, as detailed in our Online Safety and Media Policy. We actively restrict access to harmful content and generative AI tools that could be used to create or access propaganda.

5. Staff Training

All staff and volunteers must complete specific Prevent Duty awareness training as part of their mandatory safeguarding induction. This ensures they are equipped to identify children at risk of being drawn into terrorism and know exactly how to challenge extremist ideas and report concerns.

6. Reporting Procedures (Notice, Check, Share)

If a member of staff has a concern that a student is vulnerable to radicalisation, they must follow our standard safeguarding reporting procedures:

Report: Immediately report the concern to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

Action: The DSL will assess the information and decide on the appropriate course of action.

Escalation: If the DSL believes the student is at risk of radicalisation, they will make a referral to the local **Channel Panel** (the multi-agency safeguarding programme) and the student's referring school. If there is an immediate risk of harm or a suspected terror threat, the police will be contacted on 999.