

Extremism and Radicalisation



A Guide for Parents



WHAT IS EXTREMISM AND RADICALISATION

Extremism is having a belief in and supporting ideas that are opposite to British Values, these are democracy, rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect. Radicalisation is a process where individuals are drawn into terrorist related activity. The process persuades an individual that terrorism is a legitimate course of action.

SHOULD I WORRY?

There is no single route to radicalisation. However, there are certain behaviours you can watch out for:

- Being influenced or controlled by a group
- Need for identity, meaning or belonging
- An obsessive or angry desire for change or 'something to be done'
- Spending an increasing amount of time online and sharing extreme views on social media
- Looking to blame others
- Desire for status, need to dominate
- Mental health issue
- Personal crisis

Identifying any of these does not always mean that someone is being radicalised. If you are worried, then act early and reach out for help to discuss your concerns. There is a dedicated ACT early website which offers lots of help and support.



https://actearly.uk

WHAT SHOULD I DO

- Talk to your young person openly and regularly, encouraging open and honest discussions
- Encourage positive hobbies for your child to become engaged in
- Be aware of who your young person's friends are online and who they follow
- Check their internet history on devices, turn on parental controls and check privacy settings

WHAT DOES THE COLLEGE DO TO COMBAT EXTREMISM AND RADICALISATION?

The College works hard to protect all our learners.

WHAT WE DO:

- Develop learners' understanding of British Values
- We develop learners' attitudes and opinions to be respectful of all
- We develop learners' skills at keeping themselves safe online
- We train staff to be alert to signs and how to report incidents
- We have a Safeguarding Team who will talk to staff, learners and parents about concerns

If you have any concerns about your young person, please call the College directly as soon as possible.

WHAT IF I'M WORRIED?

If you're worried about your young person's safety online, you can contact the NSPCC's online safety helpline on: **0808 8005002**

You can speak to a member of the Safeguarding Team at college by calling **01205 365701** and asking for a member of the Safeguarding Team.

There are also external agencies that you can talk to, such as:



www.nspcc.org.uk



Lincolnshire Children's Social Care Tel: 01522 782111

Out of hours (incl. bank holidays) 01522 782333



Phone: 101 (Police Non-Emergency)
Email: prevent@lincs.pnn.police.uk

Anti-Terrorist Hotline 0800 789321

If you think that your child is in immediate danger or think something is terrorist related, call **999**

PREVENTING TERRORISM



PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN A CURE

DO YOUR BIT TO HELP **PREVENT EXTREMISM AND RADICALISATION**



If you would like more information, please contact the College and ask to speak to the Safeguarding team.







