

PREVENTING TERRORISM



PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN 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.

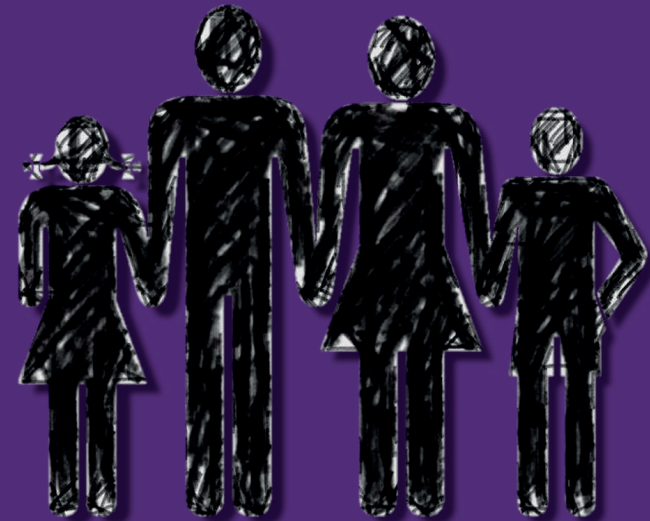
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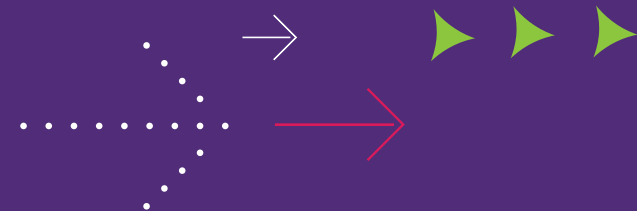
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Extremism & Radicalisation



A Guide for Parents



WHAT ARE EXTREMISM AND RADICALISATION?

Extremism is having a belief in and support of 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?

It is important to remember that most people will never support terrorism and the amount of young people that become involved in violent extremism is very small. However, there are factors which mean a young person may be more vulnerable to being radicalised:

- Struggling with their sense of identity
- A conviction that their religion or culture is under threat and treated unjustly
- Being susceptible to influence by others
- Wanting excitement and adventure
- Low self-esteem and confidence
- Isolated and lack of a strong support network

WHAT SHOULD I LOOK FOR?

- Change of attitudes and opinions, which show an unwillingness to listen to other points of view
- Changes in behaviour and peer group which distances them from friends and family
- Secrecy
- Spending more time online
- Support for extremist ideologies and groups

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- Talk to your child openly and regularly, encouraging open and honest discussions
- Encourage positive hobbies for your child to become engaged with
- Be aware of who your child's friends are online and who they follow
- Check their internet history on devices and turn on parental controls, check privacy settings
- Encourage your child to talk to a family member, family friend or college tutor

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 learner's attitudes and opinions to be respectful of all
- We develop learner's 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 child within Boston College, we ask that you call the college directly as soon as possible.

WHAT IF I'M WORRIED?

If you're worried about your child'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 'Safeguarding'.

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



www.familiesmatter.org.uk



www.nspcc.org.uk



Lincolnshire Children's Social Care
Tel: 01522 782111

PREVENT

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

If you think that your child is in immediate danger or think something is terrorist related, call **999**. Alternatively, you can call the confidential **Anti-Terrorist Hotline** on **0800 789321**.