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## Prevent Policy

The Counter Terrorism & Security Act 2015 places a statutory duty on specified authorities, including ELT providers such as Bell Educational Services Limited (Bell), to 'have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'.

Bell operates as a year-round English language provider and accepts students from all around the world from seven years of age through adulthood. In the peak months of June to August, Bell may have in excess of 2000 enrolled students, 200 staff and 200 homestay providers. All centres promote a multi-cultural environment where respect for and tolerance of others regardless of nationality, gender, age, ability or belief is required.

Bell understands the risk of extremism: namely that students, staff and other adults (group leaders, homestays etc.) may arrive at the centre already holding extremist views. Or that whilst attending the centre, they may be influenced by a range of factors such as global events, peer pressure, media, extremist materials (in print or online) and social networks.

Due to the nature of the ELT industry, each centre has a multicultural make-up which is in constant flux. Bell promotes the core British values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty and respect and tolerance.

Bell will endeavour to meet its duty to identify, challenge and safeguard any vulnerable person/s at risk of being radicalised or drawn into terrorism in a proportionate and risk-based way. We will:

1. Ensure delivery of an effective risk assessment/ action plan, incorporating good practice guidelines from accreditation bodies and government into existing procedures;
2. Inform all staff and homestay providers about the Prevent Duty and their responsibilities to implement the policy;
3. Establish clear procedures for recognising, responding to and reporting concerns;
4. Ensure that any guest speakers, subcontractors and other service providers conform to Bell's standards for health, safety and welfare;
5. Promote the British values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty and respectful tolerance of different faiths or beliefs throughout each centre in all programmes;
6. Have strong filters on IT systems blocking online material which targets the vulnerable and promotes radicalisation or extremism;
7. Align safeguarding procedures with those of the Prevent Duty and have a nominated Prevent Lead;
8. Establish contact with the Prevent coordinator local to each centre and draw upon the support of the local community;
9. Ensure a safe and supportive international environment at each centre as promoted by our welfare policy and staff code of conduct ;
10. Regularly monitor and review all operations to assure adherence to Bell's and legislative requirements.

Bell undertakes to review this policy on a regular basis, and in the light of new knowledge, changes in legislation and/or operational procedures.

Signature:

(Chief Executive)

Review:

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