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Extremist messages and Symbology

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep our students and local communities safe. The college continue to receive information about concerns in the community that at times directly impact on our students. The information we receive helps the college shape and delivery our tutorials. It also important that the college continue to update parents on relevant safeguarding issues. Please can you read through the following information regarding extremist messages and symbology.

People may seek to spread violent extremist messages within our communities, for example through:

- Using public spaces and events to speak to people and encourage them to adopt extremist views or share leaflets and other materials;
- Displaying extremist symbology in public places as a show of support for an idea or group or to intimidate people.

Extremist symbology covers symbols and messages associated with extremist ideas and groups, and includes:

- Symbology linked to extremist political organisations.
- Symbology associated with extremist ideas, such as Nazism.

Extremist symbology: what to look out for

I would encourage you to look out for signs or symbols which promote hatred or intolerance of people or communities based on ethnicity or faith. This could include signs and symbols that are anti-Islam, anti-Semitic or anti-Immigration. Within some parts of Devon and Torbay, they have seen an increase in the number of reports of some extremist symbols, including extreme right wing symbology.

Individuals and groups might use graffiti, posters, stickers or flyers to promote extremist symbology. Symbols and language commonly associated with the extreme right wing include:

- > 18 (refers to 'Adolf Hitler' – 1st and 8th letters of alphabet)
- > 28 (refers to 'Blood and Honour' – 2nd and 8th letters)
- > 88 (refers to 'Heil Hitler') – 8th letter x 2)
- > 311 (refers to Ku Klux Klan – 11th letter x 3)
- > 14 ('14 Words' of the statement 'we must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children')
- > 1488 (refers to '14 Words' and 'Heil Hitler')
- > 4/20 (refers to the anniversary of Adolf Hitler's birthday)
- > ZOG/JOG (refers to 'Zionist-Occupied Government' / Jewish-Occupied Government')
- > RAHOWA (refers to 'Racial Holy War')
- > 23 (refers to 'White' – 23rd letter)

Reporting concerns

- If there is an immediate risk to life contact 999
- If you have concerns that someone is being radicalised email the PREVENT team at prevent@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk or telephone on 01392 225130
- To report suspicious behaviour or activity call the Anti-terror Hotline on 0800 789 321
- To report extremist online material, visit: <https://www.gov.uk/report-terrorism>
- To report sightings of extremist symbology (graffiti, flyers etc) telephone 101

Kind regards
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