



BELVEDERE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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# SENSITIVE TOPICS POLICY

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### **APPENDIX ONE: Belvedere International School Sensitive Topics Display and Usage Policy**

This policy has been written using information provided by a number of sources including ADEK and is designed to inform all staff working in the school environment about the display and usage of topics that may cause offence to students, parents or visitors to the school.

Every member of staff should ensure that they have read this policy and that they understand it. If they need clarification on any point then it is their responsibility to seek guidance from a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) immediately.

#### **The following topics and content are to be avoided.**

The topics and notes below pertain to displays in classrooms, corridors and all public spaces and also to any literature, hand outs, worksheets, digital resources etc. used in the School.

#### **Topics within an examination syllabus can be taught but clarification MUST be sought first.**

- It is against UAE educational law to mention Israel as a country.
- Judaism as a religion, anything mentioning Jew or Jewish.
- 6 pointed stars should not be used or displayed.
- World War II topics dealing with Hitler and the Holocaust.
- Erroneous information (or defamation) about Islam or the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and against UAE educational law.
- Drawings or pictures depicting any Islamic prophet, Allah, Angels etc.
- Strong negative emotional books.
- Pictures or drawings which violate public manners.
- Anything that promotes negative habits such as drug abuse, mixing of men and women, promiscuity, drinking alcohol etc.
- Writings on alcohol, love scenes, non-Muslim worshipping and entertainment places (night clubs etc.)
- Negative images of family life, child abuse, foetal alcohol syndrome.
- Falsely demonstrating historical fact.
- Erroneous information (or defamation) of the government, history, heritage or society of the UAE.
- Any pictures, drawing or mention of Pigs, pork or pork products.
- Any mention or illustration of magic in any of its forms.

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- Evolution as a factual account of Man's development
- Any detailed references to family celebrations and commemorations such as births, marriages and funerals.
- Communism as a political movement
- Any customs that contradict the teaching of Islam

This policy also covers the use of language within the School. With a polite and respectful approach to everyone else at the heart of the Schools ethos the following guidance should not need any explanation or justification. The following will not be tolerated and any instances should be reported immediately to a member of staff for action:

- Swearing
- any defamation of Islam
- Racism
- Tribalism
- Sexual language
- Disrespectful language

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