



Prevention of radicalisation

Mission Statement

CurveBall Coaching recognises its duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 to have 'due regard to the need to prevent people being drawn into terrorism'.

CurveBall Coaching accepts the Department for Education's definition of extremism as: 'vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. We also include in our definition of extremism calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas.

Terrorist groups very often draw on extremist ideas developed by extremist organisations. The purpose of our Prevent Duty Policy is, therefore, to combat the radicalisation of potentially vulnerable youths by protecting them from extremist views, and combating those views should they arise within the remit of the CurveBall Coaching. Furthermore, the company will strive to offer support to those staff or pupils who have been exposed to such material.

Fulfilling this duty involves the undertaking of efforts to identify potentially radicalising factors and material and potentially vulnerable youths, as well as the management of these risks through: existing safeguarding measures, the teaching of British values, and the providing of a system of support and guidance.

Staff Training

In order for childcare providers to fulfil the Prevent Duty it is essential that staff receive adequate training so that they are able to identify children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation, and know what to do when they are identified. The Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) must undertake Prevent awareness training. The suggested course is the 'Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP).

It is the responsibility of the DSLs to raise awareness of the risks of radicalisation amongst the staff and ensure that Staff safeguarding training (see Safeguarding/Child Protection Policy) takes the Prevent Duty into account.

If a member of staff has a concern about a participant, they should follow the company's normal safeguarding procedures, including discussing with the school's designated safeguarding lead, and where deemed necessary, with children's social care (see Safeguarding/Child Protection Policy). There is no single way of identifying an individual who is likely to be susceptible to an extremist ideology.

Therefore, staff must use their professional judgement in identifying children who might be at risk of radicalisation and act proportionately.

Safeguarding

Protecting children from the risk of radicalisation is part of the company's wider safeguarding duties, and should be treated in the same vein as protecting children from other harms (e.g. drugs, gangs, neglect, sexual exploitation), whether these come from within the club, the family, or outside influences.

Staff must be alert to changes in children's behaviour which could indicate that they may need help or protection. Children at risk of radicalisation may display different signs or seek to hide their views (see Safeguarding/Child Protection further guidance).

The Local Authority and the Police will be able to provide help and advice if necessary, as well as contextual information to further help understand and identify the potential risks.

Promotion of British Values

CurveBall Coaching will seek to build pupils' resilience to radicalisation through the promotion of fundamental British values and democratic principles, thus enabling them to challenge extremist views within a safe and informed environment.

The company promotes respect and sensitivity for other cultures and peoples through both the curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

Many elements of British values are interwoven into CurveBall Coaching programme. See CurveBall Coaching British Values for more information.

Related Policies and Further Guidance

Safeguarding/Child Protection Policy; CurveBall Coaching British Values

Further guidance can be found at:

Prevent Duty:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/439598/preventdutydepartmental-advice-v6.pdf

Channel Awareness Training:

http://course.ncalt.com/Channel_General_Awareness/01/index.html

Promoting British Values: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/guidance-on-promotingbritishvaluesin-schools-published>

DfE dedicated radicalisation hotline: 020 7340 7264

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