



Prevent Duty Policy

From 1st July 2015 all schools, registered early years childcare providers and registered later years childcare providers are subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, in the exercise of their functions, to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”. This duty is known as the Prevent Duty.

Policy

Safeguarding is of paramount importance to the company and we are committed to the safeguarding and protection of all children in our care. Therefore, to ensure the effective implementation of the Prevent Duty we will:

- Provide appropriate training for staff and continued refresher training around the Prevent Duty. Training will enable staff to identify children who may be at risk of radicalisation
- Carry out a formal Risk Assessment to identify the risks in the area of children being drawn into terrorism and the measures being taken to reduce the risk to children and families
- Build the children’s resilience to radicalisation by promoting fundamental British Values and enabling them to challenge extremist views. We will use the statutory framework for the EYFS which sets standards for learning, development and care for children from 0-5, thereby assisting their personal, social and emotional development and understanding of the world.
- Ensure that our staff understand the risks so that they can respond in an appropriate and proportionate way
- Be aware of the online risk of radicalisation, through the use of social media and the internet

Working in conjunction with all our Safeguarding and Role of the Key Carer policies and strategies, our staff will be trained to identify changes in children’s and adult’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. Our effective key person approach already ensures we know the children in our care well and will enable us to notice any changes in behaviour, demeanour or personality.

We will not carry out unnecessary intrusion into family life, but we will take action when we observe behaviour that causes concern. We will continue to use our key person approach to build effective relationships and encourage effective engagement with families, whilst providing appropriate support if we observe possible signs of radicalism. We will also assist families who ask for help by ensuring they are directed to appropriate support and assistance e.g., police, Mash team or Local Safeguarding Partners.

We will continue to work in partnership with our local LSP & Mash teams and will utilise the support and guidance offered to carry out our duty.

Associated Documents

- Safeguarding Policy
- Whistleblowing Policy
- Behaviour Management Policy
- Recruitment/Suitability of Staff Policy
- Role of a Key Carer