



Prevent Duty Policy

Purpose of the Policy

This policy outlines our commitment to safeguarding children and young people from radicalisation and extremism, in line with the **Prevent Duty** (Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015) and the **Early Years Statutory Framework (EYFS)**. We recognise our responsibility to promote fundamental British values and to protect children from being drawn into extremist ideologies.

1. What is Prevent?

The Prevent strategy is part of the UK government's counter-terrorism strategy, aiming to:

- Safeguard individuals from the risk of radicalisation.
- Prevent vulnerable people from being drawn into terrorism.
- Support institutions in recognising and responding to concerns.

2. Recognising Signs of Radicalisation

Staff will be trained to recognise potential indicators of radicalisation, including:

- Changes in behaviour, such as becoming withdrawn or secretive.
- Expressing extremist views or showing support for extremist groups.
- Sudden changes in friendships, interests, or social circles.
- Increased use of social media to access extremist material.

3. Preventing Radicalisation in Our Setting

We actively promote the following measures:

- **Teaching British Values:** Encouraging democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect for different faiths and beliefs.
- **Building Resilience:** Equipping children with critical thinking skills to challenge extremist narratives.
- **Online Safety:** Ensuring children use the internet safely and are protected from extremist content.

- **Staff Awareness:** Providing annual Prevent training and ensuring staff understand their safeguarding duty.

4. Reporting Concerns

If staff have concerns about a child being at risk of radicalisation, they must:

1. **Report** concerns immediately to the **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)**.
2. **Record** factual details and observations clearly and securely.
3. **Refer** the case to local safeguarding authorities or the Prevent team if necessary.

5. Working with Parents and External Agencies

We recognise the importance of working closely with parents, carers, and external agencies to prevent radicalisation. Any concerns will be handled sensitively and in line with safeguarding protocols.

6. Staff Training and Responsibilities

- All staff will receive Prevent training as part of their safeguarding responsibilities.
- The **DSL** will stay updated on Prevent guidance and liaise with external safeguarding partners.
- Any incidents or concerns will be recorded and reviewed as part of ongoing safeguarding procedures.

7. Review & Monitoring

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it aligns with current government guidance and safeguarding practices.

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