

Safeguarding: Prevent Duty and Radicalisation policy

Early Years Foundation Stage

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) 2017 Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement states:

3.6. Providers must train all staff to understand their safeguarding policy and procedures, and ensure that all staff have up to date knowledge of safeguarding issues

3.7. Providers must have regard to the government's statutory guidance 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018' and to the 'Prevent duty guidance for England and Wales 2019'.

Extremism – the Prevent Duty

Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018) defines extremism. It states

“Extremism goes beyond terrorism and includes people who target the vulnerable – including the young – by seeking to sow division between communities on the basis of race, faith or denomination; justify discrimination towards women and girls; persuade others that minorities are inferior; or argue against the primacy of democracy and the rule of law in our society.

Extremism is defined in the Counter Extremism Strategy 2015 as the vocal or active opposition to our fundamental values, including the rule of law, individual liberty and the mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. We also regard calls for the death of members of our armed forces as extremist”

Under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 we have a duty to safeguard at risk or vulnerable children and refer any concerns of extremism to the police (In Prevent priority areas the local authority will have a Prevent lead who can also provide support).

This may be a cause for concern relating to a change in behaviour of a child, family member or adult working with the children in the setting, comments causing concern or actions that lead staff to be worried about the safety of a child in their care.

Alongside this we will be alert to any early signs in children and families who may be at risk of radicalisation, on which we will act and document all concerns when reporting further.

The NSPCC states that signs of radicalisation may be:

- isolating themselves from family and friends
- talking as if from a scripted speech
- unwillingness or inability to discuss their views
- a sudden disrespectful attitude towards others
- increased levels of anger
- increased secretiveness, especially around internet use.

We will tackle radicalisation by:

- Training all staff to understand what is meant by the Prevent Duty and radicalisation
- Ensuring staff understand how to recognise early indicators of potential radicalisation and terrorism threats and act on them appropriately in line with national and local procedures
- Make any referrals relating to extremism to the police (or the Government helpline) in a timely way, sharing relevant information as appropriate
- Ensure our nursery is an inclusive environment, tackle inequalities and negative points of view and teach children about tolerance through British Values
- Using the Government document 'Prevent Duty Guidance for England and Wales, available here:
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/445977/3799_Revised_Prevent_Duty_Guidance_England_Wales_V2-Interactive.pdf

Reporting Procedure

- When any member of staff has concerns that a child or adult may be at risk of radicalisation or involvement in terrorism, they should speak with the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), who will record the details on a **Safeguarding Initial Report Form**.
- The DSL must then report the concern to the ICP Strategic Safeguarding Lead, and if appropriate then follow the normal safeguarding procedures.
- In non-urgent cases where police advice is sought then dial 101.
- The Department of Education has also set up a dedicated telephone helpline for staff to raise concerns around Prevent (020 7340 7264).
- If the matter is urgent then the Police must be contacted by dialling 999.

Other useful contacts

Local authority children's social care team

Telephone: [insert number]

Email: [insert number]

Local authority Prevent Co-Ordinator:

Telephone: [insert number]

Email: [insert number]

Contact the NSPCC Advice Line:

- Call 0808 800 5000
- Email help@nspcc.org.uk