



Prevent Duty and British Fundamental Values Policy

Statement

All the staff and carers at Selsdon Park Pre-School believe the safety and welfare of all children is paramount. Therefore, all staff has a duty to be knowledgeable of the Prevent Duty and Fundamental British Values and follow the corresponding policies and procedures stated below.

Intent

The purpose of the following policy and its procedures are:

- To inform staff, parents and carers what the prevent duty is and means for the setting;
- Make clear what staff need to do to show compliance with the duty and;
- Make information available for further advice.

Definitions

The prevent duty is a strategy created by the government designed to stop people becoming radicalised or becoming involved in terrorism or supporting extremist views/causes.

What are British Values?

- Rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect and tolerance

Procedures

In order to fulfil the prevent duty, it is essential for all staff to be able to identify children who may be experiencing or at risk of experiencing radicalisation and what to do if a child is identified. Protecting children from the risk of radicalisation needs to be seen as a part of the settings overall duty to safeguard children.

The Early Years Foundation Stage promotes the children's learning and development and assists their personal, social, emotional development and their understanding of the world. Through the use of the EYFS and safeguarding policy, staff are able to build children's resilience to radicalisation and promote the fundamental British Values. By building a positive self-image and positive self-esteem, the children will be able to challenge extremist views as they get older.

A risk assessment will be carried out on the risk of radicalisation and staff are required to be familiar with the document. It will be updated and adjusted accordingly on a yearly basis, or when needed.

Possible Signs of Radicalisation

- Poor attendance / lateness
- Changes in behaviour
- Comments about racism / ideology / discriminatory remarks made from parents and or children

Even very young children may be vulnerable to radicalisation by others, whether in the family or outside, and display concerning behaviour. With any other safeguarding risk, they must take action when they observe behaviour of concern.

Who Should You Contact When You Have a Concern?

If a member of staff has a concern (non-emergency) about a particular child, they should follow the setting's normal safeguarding procedures, including talking to:

1. The settings Safeguarding Officer / the Manager
2. Local Children's Safeguarding Board - 020 8726 6400 ext 63358
3. Children's Social Services Croydon - 020 8726 6400
4. The Police (Call 101 for non-emergency's)
5. The Department for Education – 020 7340 7264
6. counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk

School staff and childcare providers should understand when it is appropriate to make a referral to the Channel programme. Channel is a programme which focuses on providing support at an early stage to people who are identified as being vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism.

Effective engagement with parents / the family is also important as they are in a key position to spot signs of radicalisation. It is important to assist and advise families who raise concerns and be able to point them to the right support mechanisms.

Further Information

The prevent duty departmental advice:

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

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