

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Child Protection

Providers must have and implement a policy, and procedures, to safeguard children.

1.2b Preventing Radicalisation and Tackling Extremism

Policy statement

Our nursery has a duty to promote children's welfare and prevent radicalisation and extremism. Keeping children safe in education is our priority. In line with the Prevent Duty (June 2015) we will ensure that all staff are trained, informed, recognises vulnerability and mitigate the risks. We will ensure the curriculum embeds British Values, teaching our staff, children and visitors to be tolerant and have respect for all faiths within our multi-cultural society. This is underpinned by a range of other policies including - Employment and Staffing; Safeguarding; E-Safety; Achieving Positive Behaviour; and Inclusion, Equality and Diversity. Our Ethos values and respects diversity, encourages freedom, openness and aims to build resilience and self-confidence.

Procedures

To ensure we are meeting the requirements of the Prevent Duty we will:

- Assess the risk of children being drawn into terrorism.
- Have robust safeguarding policies to protect children and young people from being drawn into terrorism.
- Ensure our safeguarding arrangements take into account the policies and procedures of the Local Safeguarding Children Board.
- Ensure staff have training that gives them the knowledge and confidence to identify children at risk of being drawn into terrorism, and to challenge extremist ideas which can be used to legitimise terrorism
- Ensure children are safe from terrorist and extremist material when accessing the internet •
- Work in partnership with the wider community to ensure children and their families are safeguarded from radicalisation and extremism.
- Provide a safe environment in which children can discuss controversial issues, and be given the knowledge and confidence to challenge extremist beliefs and ideologies.

Identification

Children and young people can be drawn into violence or they can be exposed to the messages of extremist groups by many means. These can include through the influence of family members or friends and/or direct contact with extremist groups and organisations or, increasingly, through the internet. This can put a young person at risk of being drawn into criminal activity and has the potential to cause significant harm. The risk of radicalisation is the product of a number of factors and identifying this risk requires that staff exercise their professional judgement, seeking further advice as necessary. It may be combined with other vulnerabilities or may be the only risk identified. Staff should be alert to changes in children's behaviour, including even very young children, which could indicate they may be in need of help or protection.

Here are examples of indicators that may suggest vulnerability to violent extremism:

- Use of inappropriate language
- Behavioural changes;
- Out of character changes in dress, behaviour and peer relationships
- Secretive behaviour
- Losing interest in friends and activities
- Showing sympathy for extremist causes
- The expression of extremist views
- attempts to access extremist websites and associated password protected chat rooms
- Seeking to recruit others to an extremist ideology.
- Advocating violent actions and means;
- Possessing illegal or extremist literature
- Association with known extremists;

Reporting concern

Concerns about a child's welfare can vary greatly in terms of their nature and seriousness, how they have been identified and over what duration they have arisen. If you have concerns about a child, you should ask for help. The same procedures can be followed from the policy '1.2 Safeguarding children and child protection'.

Discuss concerns with Manager and Lead Safeguarding Practitioner (Jill Bellis)

You can also seek advice at any time from the NSPCC helpline – help@nspcc.org.uk or 0808 800 5000.

Contact: Safeguarding Social care team Wokingham

0118 908 8002

01344 786 543 out of hours

For concerns against an adult who works with children (staff/ volunteers)

Speak to the manager or directly phone the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)

0118974 6141

Notify the Disclosure and Barring Service and Ofsted

0300 0200 190

0300 123 1231

Contact Police 999 (Channel team)

Concerns and allegations should be reported within 24 hours

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Flying Start Nursery

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Signed on behalf of the provider

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Role of signatory

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