



The Prevent Duty Policy

Understanding of Prevent duty in childcare and early years

The government definition of extremism in its 'Prevent Strategy' is:

'Vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs; and/or calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas.'

Yellow Birds has a duty of care to safeguard and protect – consequently this policy operate alongside and in support of a number of our other polices including Child Protection and Safeguarding policy.

Our role within the 'Prevent Duty' is to support the identification of engagement (psychological 'hook'), intent (them and us thinking) and capability (of physical act's) of terrorism in children. We are not a legal enforcement agency so will forward any concerns to our Channel Police Practitioner or Sangita Patel 07585 888 627 (Prevent Enforcement Officer for Chingford, East London) if any concerns arise

We understand that parents/ carers may find this concept difficult to understand in relation to the level of understanding that the children in our care may have but in practice this mean we will take an active role in the following

- Supporting children to understand different religion, cultures and belief

We celebrate and acknowledge all religion, faiths, cultural events and worships in providing a holistic view to the area of learning 'Understanding the World'

- We will challenge any discriminative terms – to include 'bullying' on the grounds racism, prejudices and any other judgement of a person (appearance, views, beliefs and differences)
- The understanding of British Values will be included in all teaching to bring about moral, social and cultural development
- We will protect children from the 'risk' of radicalisation – e.g. Ensuring we know what website children are accessing during our sessions, vetting all staff (to include volunteers and support workers), working in partnership with parents/ carers to have some knowledge of what goes on in the home.

In following this role children will be supported to learn about values such as tolerance and respect.

Safeguarding and Child Protection Team-

Safeguarding Standards Officer: Lorna Parkinson (Director)

The Designated Child Protection Officer: Ella Parkinson (Company Manager)

Safeguarding Lead Practitioner: Leah Scott (Club Manager/ Play Leader)

Deputy Designated Child Protection Officer: Charlotte McDonnell (Deputy Manager/ Play Worker)

NB: All members of staff have attended Child Protection and Safeguarding training