



41) Extremism and the Prevent Duty Policy

Policy Statement

Kingdom Pre-School will promote children's welfare and keep them safe. The playgroup will highlight any safeguarding issues within a child's family and deal with them as stated in the Safeguarding Policy. We understand that it is our duty to protect a child from extremism, preventing the child from radicalisation by others.

Kingdom Pre-School's Team will be able to identify children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation and know what to do when they are identified. Kingdom Pre-School have undergone training to know 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. It provides a mechanism for providers to make referrals if they are concerned that an individual might be vulnerable to radicalisation. An individual's engagement with the programme is entirely voluntary at all stages.

Procedures

What staff will be looking for:

- Changes in family behaviour.
- Changes in the children's behaviour e.g. aggression towards others.
- Comments made by a child which may cause concern e.g. commenting on what their Mummy or Daddy has said, talking about fighting for 'the cause' etc.
- Comments made by family members e.g. about certain faiths, beliefs, cultures.
- Any other signs that family members may be showing extremism.

Kingdom Pre-School are aware of the increased risk of online radicalisation and have clear procedures in place for protecting at risk children. (See Safe Guarding Policy).



What staff will do if they have any concerns:

If we have any concerns about a change in behaviour of any individual within the playgroup environment e.g. staff member, parents, extended family, then we will need to do the following:

- If the child is not in immediate danger, we will call 101 (the non-emergency police phone number).
- If the child is in immediate danger, we will call 999.
- Call the Department for Education dedicated telephone number and ask for advice. (Tel 020 7340 7264).
- Or, we can email, counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk and seek further advice.

Supporting elimination of extremism and support acceptance in our setting

We will support children through the teaching of personal, social and emotional skills and development and enable children to be accepting and tolerant of other's views and beliefs, whilst challenging constructively what they disagree with. Encouraging working through disagreements with their peers over resource sharing, activity choosing and role taking.

- Role modelling desired behaviours and mannerisms.
- Talking about feelings and opinions.
- Celebrating all faiths and beliefs.
- Supporting British Values (see additional factsheet on this).

Legal Framework

The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015

Further Guidance

The Prevent Duty Guidance document for schools and childcare providers June 2015

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