

Promoting British Values and the Prevent Duty Policy

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Introduction

The fundamental British values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs are implicitly embedded in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

From the 1st July 2015 all schools, registered early years childcare providers are subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, in the exercise of their functions, to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism” This duty is known as the Prevent Duty.

Procedure

Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do, therefore to ensure that we adhere to and achieve the requirements of Prevent Duty, we will;

- Provide appropriate training for staff as soon as possible, and ensure that they fully understand their duties. Part of this training will enable staff to identify children who may be at risk of radicalisation.
- Build children’s resilience by promoting fundamental British values, enabling them to develop the courage and confidence to challenge extremist views. The EYFS sets standards for learning, development and care, which are embedded within children’s PSED, Communication development and Understanding the World.
- We will assess the risk, by means of formal risk assessment, of children being drawn into terrorism, including support for extremist ideas that are part of the terrorist ideology. This will begin as we aim to develop respectful and open relationships with parents, using information gathered from registration forms, and our knowledge of families gained from home visits.
- We will ensure staff understand the possible risks so they can respond in an appropriate and proportionate way.
- We will be aware of the online risk of radicalisation through the use of social media and the internet.
- As with managing our safeguarding risks, our staff will be alert to changes in children’s behaviour which could indicate that they may be in need of help or protection (children at risk of radicalisation may display different signs or may seek to hide their views). The key person approach means we already know our children well and so we will notice any changes in behaviour, demeanour or personality quickly.
- We will not carry out unnecessary intrusion into family life, but we will take action when we observe behaviour of concern. The key person approach means we already have a rapport with our families, so we are well-placed to notice any changes in behaviour, demeanour or personality quickly.

- We will work in partnership with our local LSCB for guidance and support.
- We will assist and advise families who raise concerns with us, in order to be able to signpost appropriate support mechanisms.
- Staff will have an on-going and open discussion about their own beliefs around British values, and what they mean to staff, children and families using the setting, ensuring that there is a balance created between celebrating and respecting difference, whilst being aware of the dangers of radicalisation.

“Fundamental British Values”

To help understand how this is put into practice on a daily basis at Chelford Village Preschool a few examples are listed below:

Democracy: Making decisions together: PSED;

Managers and staff can encourage children to see their role in the bigger picture, encouraging children to know their views count, value each other’s views and opinions, and talk about their feelings. For example, saying when they do or do not need help.

When appropriate demonstrate democracy in action, for example, children sharing views on what the theme of their role play area could be with a show of hands.

Staff can support the decisions that children make, and provide activities that involve turn taking, sharing and collaboration. Children should be given opportunities to develop enquiring minds in an atmosphere where questions are listened to and valued.

Rule of Law: Understanding rules matter: PSED

- Staff can ensure that children understand their own and other’s behaviours and its consequences, and to distinguish right from wrong.
- Staff can collaborate with children to create the rules and codes of expected behaviour, for example, to agree the rules about tidying up and ensure all children understand rules apply to everyone.

Individual Liberty: Freedom for all: PSED & UTW

- Children should develop a positive sense of themselves. Staff can provide opportunities for children to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and increase their confidence in their own abilities. For example, allowing children to take risks on an obstacle course, mixing colours, or talking about their experiences and learning.

- Staff should encourage a range of experiences that allow children to explore the language of feelings and responsibility, reflect on their differences and understand we are free to have different opinions, for example, in a small group discuss how they feel about the transition from nursery to school.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance: treat others as you want to be treated: PSED & UTW

- Managers and leaders create an ethos of inclusivity and tolerance where views, faiths, cultures and race are valued and children are engaged with the wider community.
- Children should acquire a tolerance and appreciation of and respect their own and other cultures: know about similarities and differences between themselves and other among families, faiths, communities, cultures and traditions and share practices, celebrations and experiences.
- Staff should encourage and explain the importance of tolerant behaviours such as sharing and respecting other people's opinions.
- Staff should promote diverse attitudes and challenge stereotypes, for example, sharing stories that reflect and value diversity of children's experiences and providing resources and activities that challenge gender, cultural and racial stereotyping.

What is not acceptable:

- Actively promoting intolerance of other faiths, cultures and races/
- Failure to challenge gender stereotypes and routinely segregating boys and girls.
- Isolating children from the wider community.
- Failure to challenge behaviours (whether this is staff, children or parents) that are not in line with the fundamental British values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs.
- That any child should be treated less favourably than another child, for any reason. All children and families will be treated with unconditional positive regard.