

This policy is prepared using the following publications

- DFE “The Prevent duty. Departmental advice for schools and childcare providers. June 2015”
- DFE “Keeping children safe in education 2019”
- HM Gov.channel Guidance – Preventing vulnerable people from being drawn into terrorism. 2015

Policy statement

From July 1st 2015 all schools, registered early years childcare providers and registered later years childcare providers (referred to in this advice as ‘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.

What is Radicalism?

Radicalism refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and forms of extremism.

Protecting children from the risk of radicalisation is seen as part of the nurseries wider safeguarding duties, and is similar in nature to protecting children from other forms of harm and abuse. During the process of radicalisation it is possible to intervene to prevent vulnerable people being radicalised.

There is no single way of identifying an individual who is likely to be susceptible to an extremist ideology. It can happen in many different ways and settings.

Specific background factors may contribute to vulnerability which are often combined with specific influences such as family, friends or online, and with specific needs for which an extremist or terrorist group may appear to provide an answer.

The Internet and the use of social media in particular has become a major factor in radicalisation of young people.

What is Extremism?

Extremism 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.

Constant practice and procedure

At Meynell Kindergarten it is essential that staff are able to identify children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation, and know what to do when they are identified. Protecting children from the risk of radicalisation should be seen as part of the nursery wider safeguarding duties, and is similar in nature to protecting children from other harms (e.g drugs, neglect, sexual exploitation), whether these from within their family or are the product of outside influences.

We can also build children's resilience to radicalisation by promoting fundamental British Values and enabling them to challenge extremist views.

All staff is instructed to challenge extremist and radical views.

In the nursery we can emphasise this in daily work such assisting the children's social and emotional development and understanding of the world.

All staff are DBS checked.

Risk Assessment

A risk assessment has been completed to demonstrate both a general understanding of the risks affecting children and young people in the area and a specific understanding of how to identify individual children who may be at risk of radicalisation and what to do to support them. (see Prevent duty risk assessment attached).

As with managing other safeguarding risks, staff should be alert to changes in children's behaviour, which could indicate that they may be in need of help or protection. Staff should use their professional judgement in identifying children who might be at risk of radicalisation and act accordingly, which may include making a referral to the channel programme.

Procedures for reporting concerns

If a member of staff has a concern they should follow the nursery safeguarding procedures, including discussing their concerns with Designated Safeguarding Lead, who will, where deemed necessary follow the correct procedure.

You can also contact your local police force or dial 101 (the non-emergency number). They can talk to you in confidence about your concerns and help you gain access to support and advice. Also they can advice if it would be a case for Channel.

Channel

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 schools to make referrals if they are concerned that an

individual might be vulnerable to radicalisation. Any individuals engagement with the programme is entirely voluntary at all stages.

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Online Referral: Refer someone to the Prevent Team | Lincolnshire Police
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This policy has been adopted by Meynell Kindergarten: