

The Prevent Duty policy and procedure

Separately to the British values, the counter Terrorism and security Act also places a duty on Early Years providers 'to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism' (The Prevent Duty). This has come in to effect in July 2015.

This requires providers to recognise children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation and know what to do when they are identified. The Prevent duty is there to encourage debate in a safe environment for older children and for the EYFS - care for 0-5 is to assist their Personal, Social and Emotional development and Understanding of the World.

The Prevent Duty summarises the requirements into four themes. Risk assessment, working in partnership, Staff training, and IT policies.

Risk assessment

Providers should assess the risk of children being drawn into terrorism. To be able to demonstrate an understanding of the risks affecting children in the area.

(The area the nurseries are in Eastbourne and Polegate. Eastbourne and the surrounding areas are a low risk area for terrorism.) However, strategies will still be in place to encourage British values.

Working in partnership

Effective engagement with families are important to spot signs of radicalisation. It is important to work with agencies and the local authority safeguarding board if you need to raise concerns and point families to the right support. The prevent duty should work alongside the safeguarding policy.

(Staff at Step by Step Children's Nursery recognise the importance of parent /carer communication. We will build up a relationship with parents and write a detailed 'All about me' with the parents, to gain as much information about the child as possible as the parent is the first educator in the child's life.)

Staff Training

The importance of the Prevent awareness, Staff should be trained and equipped to identify children at risk of being drawn into terrorism.

The core training is Workshop to raise awareness of Prevent (WRAP) where safeguarding roles, police and health.

Individual nurseries and schools should assess their training needs in light of the risk assessments. As a minimum, the safeguarding lead should undertake Prevent awareness training so they can provide advice and support to other members of staff. This training should be renewed every two years.

(At Step by Step, The safeguarding lead will take a Prevent awareness course, they will make new staff aware of the policies and procedures of 'Prevent' in their induction.)

IT Policies

The statutory guidance makes it clear to ensure children are safe from terrorist material while accessing the internet. All children should learn about internet safety.

(At Step by Step, any IT resources that are linked via the internet will have the correct security protection, children will be monitored whilst on the internet and discussions about keeping safe on the internet)

Building children's resilience to radicalisation.

In the Early Years promoting Personal, Social and Emotional development can be an effective way providing skills to manage their own feelings, views and self-esteem. Pupils are also taught about the diverse national, regional and religious identities around England.

(At Step by Step, we will promote diversity, inclusion, self-confidence and having their own opinions by having regular circle times and topics discussing being 'different', looking at where you live, 'all about you', countries and what you like/ don't like.

What to do if you are worried about a child in your care

If a member of staff has a concern about a child they should talk to the safeguarding lead Rebecca Wilkinson or if unavailable Angela Matthews (Eastbourne) and Debbie White (Polegate) then follow the safeguarding procedures by contacting the SPOA - single point of advice team on 01323 464222 / 0-19.SPOA@eastsussex.gov.uk. You can also ring 101 (the non emergency number) to talk about your concerns in confidence and gain help and support.

The Department for Education has a dedicated telephone number (020 7340 7264) to enable staff to raise concerns relating to extremism, for advice only. Email counter.extremisim@education.gsi.gov.uk