



Spinney Pre-School Prevent Duty Policy

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Child Protection

3.4 Providers must be alert to any issues for concern in the child's life at home or elsewhere.

Policy statement

Safeguarding children from all risks of harm is paramount and as part of that responsibility to safeguard the welfare of children and families attending Pre-school, we have a duty under Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 to prevent them from being drawn into terrorism.

The risk of extremism and radicalisation on a child, child's family or individual members of the family can impact on the safety of the child and we have a duty to refer any concerns of extremism to the police.

This policy should be read in conjunction with our Safeguarding Children Policy and our British Values Policy.

Procedures

- We will ensure staff understand the issues of radicalisation and are able to recognise the signs of vulnerability or radicalisation and know what to do when they are identified.
- All staff/committee members will complete the NCALT on line Channel Awareness Raising training as recommended by Halton Children and Young People Safeguarding Partnership (HCYPSP) to alert them to the signs of radicalisation.
- All staff/committee members will undertake Prevent Duty Awareness Raising training which has been produced by HBC Child Place Planning team.
- We will ensure staff have access to other Prevent Duty training that becomes available.
- We will complete a Prevent Duty Risk Assessment.
- We will display the contact details of the Cheshire Prevent Co-ordinator, the Anti-Terrorist Hotline and the DfE Counter Extremism Helpline
- We will actively promote fundamental British Values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance as these values assist the individual child in their personal, social and emotional development and understanding of the world.
- We will take action when we observe behaviour of concern.
- Staff will refer all concerns about children to the Designated Safeguarding Lead or in their absence the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead using the usual methods for reporting other safeguarding concerns as detailed in the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.
- When there are significant concerns then the Designated Safeguarding Lead will contact Halton Children Social Care ICART 0151 907 8305 or out of hours 0345 050 0148.
- If there are concerns that an individual may be vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism or extremism, we will make referrals to the local Channel Police Prevent Co-ordinator. Contact via prevent@cheshire.pnn.police.uk Phone 01606 362121
- We will work in partnership with the local authority, HC&YPSP and the police and be guided by their advice in relation to local safeguarding issues.

Channel – This 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. Channel has been operating in Cheshire since 2014 and covers all forms of extremism. The support that is offered is tailored to the particular individual. People who are referred to Channel are not criminals but may be at risk of committing an offence if not supported.

Signs of Vulnerability to radicalisation and extremist ideologies

There are no known definitive indicators that a person is vulnerable to radicalisation but there are a number of signs that together increase the risk.

All staff and volunteers will be alert to the following (this is not an exhaustive list):

- Changes in family behaviour
- Changes in children's behaviour, e.g. aggression towards others
- Comments made by a child which may cause concern, e.g. commenting on what their parent has said about fighting for the cause etc.
- Intolerance of difference, including faith, culture, gender, race or sexuality
- Showing sympathy for extremist causes

Internet Safety

The internet provides children and young people with access to a wide-range of content, some of which is harmful. Extremists use the internet, including social media to share their messages and staff are aware of the need to keep children safe from any risks posed by terrorist exploitation of social media and will be dealt with in the same way as safeguarding children from any other online abuse.

We have a policy for the use of E-Safety including use of computers and electronic communication devices which all staff and volunteers must adhere to at all times.

Legal framework and guidance

The duty to prevent children and young people being radicalised is set out in the following documents:

- Counter-Terrorism & Security Act 2015
- DfE Prevent Duty Guidance 2015
- Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018
- Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage
- The Prevent Duty - Pre-school Learning Alliance mini guide

Useful Contact numbers

- Children Social Care Contact Centre (ICART) 0151 907 8305 (out of hours 0345 0500148)
- Cheshire Police 101
- Cheshire Police Prevent Co-ordinator 01606 362121
- Anti-Terrorist Hotline 0800 789 321
- DfE Counter Extremism Helpline 020 7340 7264
- National Police Prevent Line 0800 011 3764
- Speech or hearing impairment, a Police non-emergency number is available as a text phone service on 18001 101

This Policy was adopted at a meeting of the Pre-School held on (date)_____

Signed on behalf of the Pre-School_____