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## PREVENT DUTY POLICY

### What is the Prevent Duty?

The Government has defined extremism in the Prevent Strategy as: vocal or active opposition to fundamental 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 effective from 1 July 2015.**

The Department for Education has also produced some departmental guidance advice '**The Prevent Duty advice for schools and childcare providers**'.

There is also advice on what is not acceptable, for example, failure to challenge gender stereotypes and routinely segregating girls and boys '**Fundamental British Values**'.

Childcare and Early Years Providers subject to the Prevent duty will be expected to demonstrate activity in the following areas:

- Assessing the risk of children being drawn into terrorism
- Demonstrating that they are protecting children and young people from being drawn into terrorism by having robust safeguarding policies
- Ensuring that their safeguarding arrangements take into account the policies and procedures of the Local Safeguarding Children Board
- Making sure that staff have training that gives them the knowledge and confidence to identify children at risk of being drawn into terrorism, and to challenge extremist ideas which can be used to legitimise terrorism
- Ensuring children are safe from terrorist and extremist material when accessing the internet.

### Prevent Duty Statement

To guarantee that Bush-e-Babes fulfils the 'Prevent Duty', we ensure that we focus on the children's personal, social and emotional development. By doing this we make sure that the children learn right from wrong, mix and share with other children, value other views, know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and challenge negative attitudes and stereotypes. Furthermore, staff are alert to any harmful behaviours by influential adults in the children's life. This may include discriminatory and/or extremist discussions between parents, family and/or staff members. We understand that it is our duty “to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”, as detailed in the **Prevent Duty** document from Home Office. This can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>.

## Procedures

Staff demonstrate that they are protecting children from being drawn into terrorism by having robust safeguarding policies.

Staff will ensure that their safeguarding arrangements take into account the policies and procedures of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB).

Staff will take action when they observe behaviour of concern.

Staff are able to identify children who may be vulnerable to radicalization, and know what to do when they are identified.

Staff will assess the risk of children being drawn into terrorism, and work in partnership with local partners such as the police, Prevent Co-ordinators, Channel Police Practitioners and their LSCB, to take account of local risks and respond appropriately.

Staff will make referrals to local Channels Panels, Channel Police Practitioners or the LSCB, if there are concerns that an individual may be vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism or extremism.

Our training needs will be assessed in the light of assessment of the risk. The staff have received training that gives them the knowledge and confidence to identify children at risk of being drawn into terrorism. Additionally, they are trained in how to challenge extremist ideas which can be used to legitimise terrorism.

Staff will ensure that children are safe from terrorist and extremist material when accessing the internet.

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