



## Prevent Duty Policy

### 1. Policy statement.

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 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. It applies to a wide range of public-facing bodies.

### 2. 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 Tiddler's Nursery's 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 protect 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 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 has become a major factor in the radicalisation of young people.

### 3. What is Extremism?

Extremist 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. We also include in our definition of extremism calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas.

### 4. Practice and procedure

At Tiddlers Nursery setting it is essential that staff members can 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 childcare providers' wider safeguarding duties and is similar in nature to protecting children from other forms of abuse (drugs, gangs, neglect, sexual exploitation for examples), whether these come 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 members are instructed to challenge extremist and radical views.

In our setting, we can emphasise this in daily work such as assisting children's personal, social and emotional development and understanding of the world.

## 5. Risk Assessment

All staff members who work directly with the children are expected to assess the risk of children being drawn into terrorism, including support for extremist ideas that are part of terrorist ideology.

This means being able 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.

As with managing other safeguarding risks, staff members should be alert to changes in children's behaviour which could indicate that they may be in need of help or protection.

Staff members should use their professional judgement in identifying children who might be at risk of radicalisation and act proportionately which may include making a referral.

## 6. Procedure for reporting concerns.

If a member of staff has a concern about a child, they will follow Tiddlers Nursery's safeguarding procedures, including discussing any concerns with the designated safeguarding lead. Staff members can contact Prevent Co-ordinator Geoff Thomas for advice and support regarding the prevent duty on **024-76831437** or via email at [geoff.thomas@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:geoff.thomas@coventry.gov.uk).

To make a referral both of the following addresses will be sent a referral form [CTU\\_GATEWAY@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:CTU_GATEWAY@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk) and [mash@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:mash@coventry.gov.uk) or contact West Midlands Police Constabulary on 101. Always call 999 in an emergency.

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Signed on behalf of the nursery by:

The Date for review: