

The Prevent Duty

The Prevent duty guidance for England and Wales places a duty on schools and other providers in the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism, (HM Government, 2015). As an Early Years Childcare Provider Northfields Pre School has regard to the Prevent duty which aims to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

Protecting children from the risk of radicalisation forms a part of our wider safeguarding duties, and is similar in nature to protecting children from other harms (e.g. drugs, gangs, neglect, sexual exploitation), whether these come from within their family or are the product of outside influences.

In order to fulfil the Prevent duty, the fundamental British values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs are already implicitly embedded in the 2014 Early Years Foundation Stage which sets standards for learning, development and care for children from 0 – 5, thereby assisting their personal, social and emotional development and understanding of the world.

We build children's resilience to radicalisation by promoting these values, namely:

Democracy: making decisions together

Rule of law: understanding rules matter (PSED)

Individual liberty: Freedom for all

Mutual respect and tolerance: treat others as you want to be treated

Northfields Pre School's procedures for identifying children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation, and knowing what to do when they are identified is implemented as we observe any behaviours of concern including behaviours of adults in a child's life, and take action in line with statutory guidance i.e. Working Together to Safeguard Children and Keeping Children Safe in Education.

Actions may include challenging behaviours and referring concerns through the Ealing Children's Integrated Response Service (ECIRS) on 020 8825 8000 or seeking non-urgent advice through Prevent Regulatory Service – Paul Smith smith@ealing.gov.uk and Anjum Khan KHanA@ealing.gov.uk

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Procedures for safeguarding children from abuse are embedded in our safeguarding policies and procedures and practice.