



PREVENTING EXTREMISM & ANTI-RADICALISATION POLICY

Statement of Intent

Threemilestone Pre-school is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all its children. We recognise that safeguarding against radicalisation is no different from safeguarding against any other vulnerability. All staff are expected to uphold and promote the fundamental principles of British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Aim

This policy is intended to provide a framework for dealing with issues relating to vulnerability, radicalisation and exposure to extreme views. The main aims of this policy are to ensure that staff are fully engaged in being vigilant about radicalisation; that they overcome professional disbelief that such issues will not happen here and ensure that we work alongside other professional bodies and agencies to ensure that our children are safe from harm.

Definitions:

Radicalisation refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and forms of terrorism leading to terrorism.

Extremism is defined by the Government in the Prevent Strategy as "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."

Methods

- Staff will have an understanding of what radicalisation is and why we need to be vigilant in the setting.
- Staff will know what the pre-school's policy is on anti-radicalisation and will follow the policy when issues arise.

- All parents will know that the pre-school has policies in place to keep children safe from harm and that the pre-school regularly reviews its systems to ensure that they are appropriate and effective.
- We are aware that young people can be exposed to extremist influences or prejudiced views from an early age which emanate from a variety of sources and media, including via the internet, and at times children may display views which are discriminatory, prejudiced or extremist, including use of derogatory language.
- Any prejudiced, discriminatory or extremist views, including derogatory language, displayed by children or staff will always be challenged and where appropriate dealt with in line with our behaviour and safeguarding policy.
- We will teach and encourage pupils to respect one another and to respect and tolerate difference, especially those of a different faith or culture.
- We will deliver a broad and balanced curriculum which demonstrates fundamental 'British Values' as required by the latest Ofsted framework.
- Any concerns relating to an individual child's safety or well-being will be referred to the Pre-school's Prevent Lead, **Sarah Wallis**.
- If a child is considered in immediate danger, the Prevent Lead will contact the police force or dial 101 and make a child protection referral to the local authority children's and social care service by phone. This will then be confirmed in writing within 48 hours.
- If a child is considered vulnerable the Prevent Lead will make a referral to the Channel who will carry out a vulnerability assessment. If no Channel intervention is deemed necessary, a referral will be made to the appropriate agency in line with our safeguarding procedures.

The Department for Education has a dedicated telephone helpline (020 7340 7264) to enable staff to raise concerns relating to extremism directly. Concerns can also be raised by email to counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Threemilestone Preschool CIO

Held on 2nd May 2018

Signed for and behalf of the pre-school

Trustee (Sarah Wallis)
Threemilestone Preschool CIO