**Prevent Duty Policy**

**Policy statement**

From 1st July 2015 all registered Early Year’s childcare providers are subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015. In the exercise of their functions they have 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.

**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 by Emmer Green Pre-school as wider safeguarding duties.

**Prevent**

Prevent 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 prevent vulnerable people from 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 different 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 a terrorist group may appear to provide an answer,

The internet and use of social media in particular has become a major factor in the radicalisation of young people.

**What is Extremism**

Extremism 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.

**Prevent Practice and Procedure**

At Emmer Green Pre-school it is essential that staff are able to 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 safeguarding duties and is similar in nature to protecting children from other harms (eg. Drugs, gangs, neglect and sexual exploitation) whether these come from within their family or are the product of outside influences.

All staff are instructed to challenge extremist and radical views at Emmer Green Pre-school. We can emphasise this in daily routine, such as assisting the children in Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Understanding of the World.

All staff have DBS checks and have safeguarding training.

All staff who work directly with children are expected to assess the risk of children being drawn into terrorism. This means being able to demonstrate both a general understanding of the risks affecting young children 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.

Staff at Emmer Green Pre-school are aware of changes in children’s behaviour which could indicate that they may be in need of help or protection.

**Prevent Procedures for reporting concerns**

If a member of staff has a concern about a particular child then they follow the normal safeguarding procedures, talking to the Pre-school designated officer.

You can also contact your local Police Station by dialling 101.

**Channel**

Channel 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. It provides a mechanism for schools/early years settings to make referrals if they are concerned that an individual might be vulnerable to radicalisation.

An individual’s engagement with the programme is entirely voluntary at all stages.

Channel is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/channel-guidance>.

At Emmer Green Pre-school all staff have taken part in channel training and obtained certificates.

This policy was adopted by Pre-school on ...................................................................

Signed on behalf of the committee ..............................................................................

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