



Prevent Duty and Safeguarding from Radicalisation Policy

Applicable to early years and childcare settings in Wales

The nursery recognises that safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children includes protection from radicalisation and extremism. The nursery acknowledges its duties under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and the current Prevent Duty Guidance issued under section 29 of the Act. The nursery will follow the Wales Safeguarding Procedures and local safeguarding arrangements in order to identify, respond to and report any concern that a child may be at risk of harm, including harm associated with radicalisation.

Radicalisation

Radicalisation is the process by which an individual may become susceptible to supporting terrorism or extremist views associated with terrorism. This process may occur in different ways and over varying periods of time. Within an early years setting, the nursery's role is to maintain a safeguarding focus, identify concerns at the earliest opportunity, and act at all times in the best interests of the child.

Factors which may increase vulnerability include:

- Exposure to harmful or extremist influences, including online material or views expressed by others
- Social isolation, a reduced sense of belonging, or family or community stress
- Unmet emotional, developmental or wellbeing needs
- Sudden or unexplained changes in behaviour, language, play or interaction which give rise to a safeguarding concern

Within an early years setting, compliance with the Prevent Duty is demonstrated through:

- Effective safeguarding and wellbeing policies, procedures and staff awareness
- An inclusive environment in which all children and families are treated with dignity and respect
- The promotion of children's sense of belonging, positive relationships and respectful behaviour



- The early identification of concerns and timely information sharing in accordance with safeguarding procedures

The nursery will fulfil this duty by:

- Providing a safe, inclusive and nurturing environment for children and their families
- Ensuring that staff understand the indicators that may suggest a child is at risk of harm, including concerns relating to radicalisation
- Reporting concerns without delay to the designated safeguarding person and following local safeguarding procedures
- Working in partnership with relevant agencies, including social services, the police, and Prevent or Channel processes where appropriate
- Supporting staff through safeguarding training, supervision and clear reporting arrangements
- Taking reasonable steps to protect children from harmful and extremist material when digital technology is used within the setting

Staff will also have regard to the Wales Safeguarding Procedures and related practice guidance in respect of safeguarding issues which may overlap with, or increase, vulnerability to harm, including:

- Online abuse and harmful online content
- Child exploitation, including criminal and sexual exploitation
- Trafficking and modern slavery
- Abuse linked to culture, faith or belief
- Children who go missing from home or care
- Any other safeguarding concern in which a child may be at risk of significant harm

This policy should be read in conjunction with the nursery's safeguarding and child protection policy, online safety procedures and staff code of conduct. It will be reviewed regularly to ensure continued compliance with current Welsh legislation, statutory guidance and safeguarding procedures.