



THE PREVENT DUTY

From 1 July 2015 all schools, and registered Early Years providers are subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015. This duty is known as the “Prevent Duty”; the functions are the need to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

At Monkey Puzzle Day Nursery we have due regard to this statutory guidance. This policy addresses how children should be protected from the risk of radicalisation. In order to meet with our obligation, it is paramount that “British Values” are promoted and extremist views challenged.

The understanding of the British Values in early years settings is set out in our standards for learning, development and care. This is implemented by helping children to develop their personal, social and emotional development and their understanding of the world. Monkey Puzzle Day Nursery has robust arrangements in place to promote children’s safety and wellbeing. This is embedded through strict risk assessment, working in partnership, staff training and our policy for IT and social media.

Monkey Puzzle Day Nursery staff receive training to ensure they have a specific understanding of how to identify children who may be at risk of radicalisation. General safeguarding principles have been applied and set out in the relevant statutory guidance; “Working Together to Safeguard Children” (2015) and “Keeping Children Safe in Education” (2015). All Local Safeguarding Children’s Boards are responsible for co-ordinating what is done by local agencies for the purpose of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in their local area.

Any child protection or safeguarding concerns are shared immediately with the safeguarding board and local authority or relevant agency in the area where the concerned professional is working and a record of the referral is made. Monkey Puzzle Day Nursey staff have an understanding of procedures on how to make referrals when there are issues concerning radicalisation and extremism once they have received sufficient additional advice and support.

To enhance our robust Safeguarding practices, we endeavour to work with our families to spot signs of radicalisation and to signpost them to the relevant areas for additional support. All team members acknowledge the responsibility of the need to be aware of children who are missing from home or nursery and understand the procedures for notifying the local authority.

As part of our induction procedures staff should have knowledge of the Channel programme which focuses on providing support at an early age to people who are identified as vulnerable to radicalisation. At Monkey Puzzle Day Nursery we ensure that our Designated Safeguarding Lead undertakes training to enable them to support other members of staff on protecting children from radicalisation.