



## Prevent Duty

### Policy statement

The Prevent duty became law back in 2015. This is a duty on all schools and registered early years providers to have due regard to preventing people being drawn into terrorism. In order to protect children in your care, you must be alert to any reason for concern in the child's life at home or elsewhere.

### Procedures

At little Squirts, all staff are required to complete training in the Prevent Duty to enable them to recognise and understand what radicalisation is and therefore be able to act quickly.

When operating this policy we use the following accepted Governmental definition of extremism which 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; and/or calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas’.***

At Little Squirts we believe there is no place for extremist views of any kind in our setting, whether from internal sources –children, staff or management, or external sources - school community, external agencies or individuals. The children see our setting as a safe place where they can ask questions about the world and where our staff encourage and facilitate these opportunities.

As a setting we recognise that extremism and exposure to extremist materials and influences can lead to poor outcomes for children and so should be addressed as a safeguarding concern. We also recognise that if we fail to challenge extremist views, we are failing to protect our children.

We aim to provide a broad and balanced early years curriculum that is inclusive of all, so that our children understand and become tolerant of difference and diversity and also to ensure that they thrive and feel valued and respected as individuals.

We recognise that children can be exposed to extremist influences or prejudiced views from an early age which originate from a variety of sources and media, including via the internet. There may be times when children may reflect or display views that may be discriminatory, prejudiced or extremist, including using derogatory language.

Any prejudice, discrimination or extremist views, including derogatory language, displayed by children or staff will always be challenged and where appropriate supported through discussion with children and their families and the Code of Conduct for staff.

Where misconduct by a member of staff is proven the matter will be referred to the Local Authority.

This policy was adopted by Little Squirts Preschool on 29<sup>th</sup> July2019 (review date 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020)

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