



## **Safeguarding children - Prevent Duty Policy**

### **Policy statement**

Our setting will work with children, parents and the community to ensure the rights and safety of children, and to give them the very best start in life. Our Safeguarding Policy is based on the commitments of the Pre-school Learning Alliance Safeguarding Children Policy.

### **Procedures**

We carry out the following procedures to ensure we meet the commitments of the Alliance Safeguarding Children Policy

### **Commitment**

We are committed to building a 'culture of safety' in which children are protected from abuse and harm in all areas of service delivery.

### **The Prevent Duty & Promoting British Values**

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 all schools, registered early years childcare providers and registered later years childcare providers are subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, in the exercise of their functions, to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism". This duty is known as the Prevent duty.

### **Indicators**

We are committed to providing a secure environment, where children feel safe and are kept safe. All adults in our setting recognise that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility irrespective of the role they undertake or whether their role has direct contact or responsibility for children or not. Staff will be alert to issues including:

- Disclosures by children of their exposure to the extremist actions, views or materials of others outside of the setting, such as in their homes or community groups
- Graffiti symbols, writing or art work promoting extremist messages or images
- Parental reports of changes in behaviour, friendship or actions and requests for assistance
- Use of extremist or 'hate' terms to exclude others or incite violence
- Intolerance of difference, whether secular or religious or, in line with our equalities policy, views based on, but not exclusive to, gender, disability, homophobia, race, colour or culture

## **Actions**

In order to ensure that we adhere to and achieve the Prevent Duty we will:

- Provide appropriate training for staff. Part of this training will enable staff to identify children who may be at risk of radicalisation
- We will build the children's resilience to radicalisation by promoting fundamental British values and enabling them to challenge extremist views (for early years providers the statutory framework for the EYFS sets standards for learning, development and care of children from 0-5, thereby assisting their personal, social and emotional development and understanding of the world)
- We will assess the risk, by means of a formal risk assessment, of children being drawn into terrorism, including support for extremist ideas that are part of terrorist ideology
- We will ensure that our staff understand the risks so that they can respond in an appropriate and proportionate way
- We will be aware of the online risk of radicalisation through the use of social media and the internet
- As with the managing other safeguarding risks, our staff will be alert to changes in children's behaviour which could indicate that they may be in need of help or protection (children at risk of radicalisation may display different signs or seek to hide their views). Our Key Person approach means we already know our key children well so we will notice any changes in behaviour, demeanour or personality quickly
- We will not carry out unnecessary intrusion into family life but we will take action when we observe behaviour of concern. Our key person approach means that we already have a rapport with our families so we will notice any changes in behaviour, demeanour or personality quickly
- We will work in partnership with our LSCB for guidance and support
- We will build up an effective engagement with parents/carers and families. (This is important as they are in a key position to spot signs of radicalisation)
- We will assist and advise families who raise concerns with us. It is important to assist and advise families who raise concerns and be able to point them to the right support mechanisms
- We ensure that all staff will undertake Prevent awareness training (as a minimum) which includes guidance on how to identify those who may be vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism and how to refer them into the Channel process
- We will ensure that any resources used in the nursery are age appropriate for the children in our care and that our staff have the knowledge and confidence to use the resources effectively

## Our Setting

Our designated persons (members of staff) who co-ordinate child protections issues is:

**Helen Butler and Lisa Ufton** – dependent on who is leading the session on the day.

Our designated officer (member of the Committee) who oversees this work is:

## The Chairperson

The designated person and officer ensure they have links with statutory and voluntary organisations with regard to safeguarding.

We ensure all staff are trained to understand our safeguarding policies and procedures and that parents are made aware of them too.

This policy was adopted by	<u>Noah's Ark Playgroup</u>	<i>(name of provider)</i>
On	<u>March 2021</u>	<i>(date)</i>
Date to be reviewed	<u>March 2022</u>	<i>(date)</i>



Signed on behalf of the provider

Name of signatory

Helen Butler

Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner)

Manager