



## The Counter Terrorism and Security Policy

### Policy Statement

From 1 July 2015 all schools, registered early years childcare providers and registered later years childcare providers (referred to in this advice as '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. 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 as part of Enya's Childcare wider safeguarding duties, and 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 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 terrorist group may appear to provide an answer. The internet and the use of social media in particular has become a major factor in the radicalisation of young people. The internet will not be accessible within Enya's Childcare by the children.

### 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.

### Constant practice and Procedure

At Enya's Childcare 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 is seen as part of our wider safeguarding duties, and is similar in nature to protecting children from other harms (e.g. drugs, gangs, neglect, sexual exploitation), whether these come from within their family or are the product of outside influences. We can also build children's resilience to radicalisation by promoting fundamental British values. It is important to Enya's Childcare that we support children to adopt British values, attitudes and ways of living that will enable them to contribute effectively and positively to the community. We urge our little ones to be frequent in the community, building positive relationships with regular visits to the local rest home, weekly visits to the beautiful Abbey, story time at the Library and giving to the local charity shop. Building meaningful relationships with our community and the people

who live here bring opportunities for learning, sharing, acknowledging and celebrating differences. At Enya's childcare we can emphasise this in daily learning such as assisting the children's PSED and with weekly activities based around events such as Remembrance Day and The Queen's Birthday etc.

All staff are DBS checked.

### **Risk assessment**

All staff are expected to assess the risk of children being drawn into terrorism, including support for extremist ideas that are part of terrorist ideology.

This means being able to demonstrate both a general understanding of the risks affecting children and young people 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.

As with managing other safeguarding risks, staff are alert to changes in children's behaviour which could indicate that they may be in need of help or protection.

Staff should use their professional judgement in identifying children who might be at risk of radicalisation and act proportionately.

### **Procedure for reporting concerns**

If a member of staff at Enya's childcare has a concern about a particular child they should follow the normal safeguarding procedures, including discussing with the designated safeguarding lead, who will, where deemed necessary, with children's social care.

You can also contact your local police force.

The Department for Education has dedicated a telephone helpline (020 7340 7264) to enable staff and governors to raise concerns relating to extremism directly.

Concerns can also be raised by email to [counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk).

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