**St Joseph’s Pre-school Playgroup**

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St Joseph’s Pre-school Playgroup has regard to the Prevent duty 2015. This duty works alongside our safeguarding policy and practice as required by Working Together to Safeguard Children (DfE 2015). The designated lead for safeguarding has oversight of the Prevent duty at our setting.

The Prevent duty aims to stop vulnerable people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism, and to keep children safe from associated dangers.

The Prevent duty became law 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 and to stop engagement in terrorist acts.**

In July 2015, the Prevent Duty became law; the guidance states that ‘schools and early years providers have a responsibility to actively promote these fundamental British values’:

* Promoting Democracy (making decisions together)
* Promoting the Rule of Law (understanding rules and boundaries)
* Individual Liberty (freedom for all)
* Mutual Respect and Tolerance (treat others as you want to be treated yourself)
1. **Risk assessment**

If staff have concerns for the welfare of a child they should contact the Front Door for Families, Tel: 01273 290400 FrontDoorForFamilies@brighton-hove.gcsx.gov.uk.

If staff have concerns about a child, they must share the information with the designated safeguarding lead **Mandy Morgan**.

OR

If staff would like to discuss concerns about a child or family, they should contact the Prevent education office on (01273) 291115

OR email

Channel.Prevent@brighton-hove.gov.uk

The dedicated police community support team may also be contacted on the non-emergency police number 101 extension 550543

Channel@sussex.pnn.police.uk

A Prevent referral form can be completed here

PreventReferralsbrightonandhove@sussex.pnn.police.uk

1. **Working in partnership**

Our policy and practice meet the requirements and recommendations of the Brighton & Hove Local Safeguarding Children Board <http://www.brightonandhovelscb.org.uk/>

1. **Staff training**

We support our staff to feel confident to recognise signs of people at risk of being recruited by terrorist or extremist groups through accessing advice via the LSCB. National NDNA advice suggests that staff are alert to:

* Changes in family behaviour
* Changes in the children’s behaviour, e.g. aggression towards others
* Comments made by a child which may cause concern, e.g., commenting on what their mummy or daddy has said, talking about fighting for ‘the cause’ etc.
* Comments made by family members, e.g., about certain faiths, beliefs, cultures
* Any other signs that family members may be showing extremism

The NSPCC states that signs of radicalisation may be:

* isolating themselves from family and friends
* talking as if from a scripted speech
* unwillingness or inability to discuss their views
* a sudden disrespectful attitude towards others
* increased levels of anger
* increased secretiveness, especially around internet use

Key staff are encouraged to access the Channel awareness course or similar training: <http://course.ncalt.com/Channel_General_Awareness/01/index.html>

<https://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk/edu>

The safeguarding lead will attend training workshops and update themselves and disseminate on local knowledge from the prevent team.

1. **IT**

Children are not allowed unsupervised access to the internet. Browsing histories are monitored regularly. Staff need to follow the staff handbook with regards to use of mobile phones while working.

**References:**

* The Prevent duty: departmental advice for schools and childcare providers <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protecting-children-from-radicalisation-the-prevent-duty>
* Brighton and Hove Safeguarding Children Partnership <http://www.brightonandhovelscb.org.uk/>
* Working Together to Safeguard Children (DfE March 2015)
* Preventing Extremism and Countering terrorism: Prevent information for schools (Brighton and Hove City Council)
* Counter-terrorism and security act 2015
* Keeping children safe in education 2020
* Revised Prevent Duty Guidance 2019

Links can also be found in our safeguarding and child protection policy.

Manager.............Mandy Morgan date …...........18/09/23