

## **ST MATTHEWS CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP**

### **BRITISH VALUES & PREVENT DUTY**

The Prevent Duty Guidance came into force on 1 July 2015. It places duties on schools and registered childcare providers around keeping children safe and promoting their welfare. Providers are required to 'have due regard to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'.

To be both effective and lawful, early years providers must meet specific legal duties including those arising from the Prevent Duty. This sets out the need for 'British Values' to help everyone live in safe and welcoming communities where they feel they belong.

These British Values are defined as:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty and mutual respect
- tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

Not unique to Britain, these values are universal aspirations for equality. As such they are fundamental to helping all children become compassionate, considerate adults who form part of a fair and equal society.

Providers should demonstrate these values through the management and implementation of the Play Standards, and through policies and procedures relating to equality, behaviour, safeguarding and British values, with which the Prevent Duty is consistent.

Providers must ensure that they share these values, and that they are understood and applied by all staff, volunteers, and where appropriate, parents. Failure to do so may result in funding being withdrawn by the local authority. To fulfil the Prevent Duty, providers must ensure:

- they focus on children's personal, social and emotional development, ensuring children learn right from wrong, mix and share with other children, value other's views, know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and challenge negative attitudes and stereotypes
- staff are alert to harmful behaviours by influential adults in the child's life. This may include discriminatory and/or extremist discussions between parents, family and/or staff members they act when they observe behaviour of concern
- staff can identify children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation, and know what to do when they are identified
- they assess the risk of children being drawn into terrorism, and work in partnership with local partners such as the police, Prevent Co-ordinators, Channel Police Practitioners and their LSCB, to take account of local risks and respond appropriately
- they make referrals to local Channel Panels, Channel Police Practitioners or the LSCB, if there are concerns that an individual may be vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism or extremism they assess their training needs in the light of their assessment of the risk

Concerned about a child or young person?

The NSPCC has launched a free 24-hour service to support adults who have concerns about children and young people being radicalised or who need advice on how to talk to their children about issues related to terrorism.

NSPCC helpline practitioners have been trained to spot the warning signs of radicalisation, so they can advise adults who are worried about a child being groomed. The training included how recruiters might befriend vulnerable young people, feed them ideologies or persuade them to commit terrorist attacks.

If you're worried, you can call the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000 or visit their [website](#).

What do I do if I have a prevent query?

1. Email Leicestershire Police Prevent team  
preventengagemnet.team@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk or call 0116 248 6726.
2. Email the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Prevent co-ordinator on  
prevent@stphilipscentre.co.uk or call 0116 273 3459