

PREVENT DUTY POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR WHIZZ KIDS PRE-SCHOOL

These Policies and Procedures have been created with advice from the Department for Education to help understand the implications of the Prevent duty. All early years childcare providers are subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”.

Please also see

- Safeguarding Children Policy
- Lock Down Policy
- Safer Recruitment Policy

Whizz Kids believe pre-school is where young minds are moulded and early steps in making sense of the world are taken. All staff at Whizz Kids will endeavour to build children’s resilience to radicalisation by promoting fundamental British values and enabling them to challenge extremist views.

The statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage sets standards for learning, development and care for children from 0-5, thereby assisting their personal, social and emotional development and understanding of the world. The Prevent duty is entirely consistent with Whizz Kids’ existing responsibilities. We celebrate all faiths and beliefs our children and their families have. We encourage our children to talk about their feelings and opinions and make sure all staff act as good role models in their own behaviour.

The Safeguarding Lead, Sara Ward, has undertaken Prevent awareness training and all staff have read and understood the statutory guidance on the Prevent duty summarising the requirements on childcare providers guidance notes and are asked to undertake Prevent awareness training. There is a folder with suggestions of how we can promote British Values throughout our session on display for the staff to refer to at all times.

All staff will be looking carefully at any changes in children’s or their families’ behaviour. They will be listening intently to any comments about faith, belief, or culture that could indicate issues or other signs of trouble.

All staff are aware that if they have a concern they follow Whizz Kids safeguarding procedures. Staff can also contact our local police force or dial 101, where they can talk in confidence about any concerns and access further support and advice.

The Department for Education has issued guidance which is available for all staff to refer to and a dedicated telephone helpline 020 7340 7264. This enables staff to raise concerns relating to extremism directly. This helpline is not for use in emergency situations.

This policy and its procedures were adopted at a meeting between Mrs Sara Ward, Manager and Mrs Terina Wilkinson, Manager on 26th November 2019 and will be reviewed annually or sooner if necessary.

Signed by Mrs Sara Ward
Manager and Lead

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Mrs Terina Wilkinson
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