

Caban Y Faenol CYF

Prevention

To ensure staff are aware of the Prevent strategy and able to protect children and young people who are vulnerable or risk of being radicalised.

This policy is underpinned by:

- Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015

This policy has been developed in accordance to Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, this is known as the Prevent Duty and Promoting British values which was introduced in all schools, registered early years childcare providers and registered later years childcare providers in July 2015. These providers are to have("due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.)

Definitions

- **Radicalisation** refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremism leading to terrorism (Appendix 1).
- **Extremism** is defined by Government in the prevent strategy as: 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. Also include in the definition of extremism calls for the death of members of our armed forces (Appendix 1).
- **Terrorism** is defined by Government as "The use of violence in order to accomplish political, religious or social objectives". Terrorism is a criminal act that influences an audience beyond the immediate victim. Effectiveness is not the act itself but the impact on Government and the public.

Here at Caban y Faenol we take Safeguarding very seriously, therefore to ensure that we adhere to and achieve the Prevent of Duty we will:

- Provide appropriate training for all staff as soon as possible. This training will enable staff to identify children who may be at risk of radicalisation.
- We will ensure all our staff understands the risks so they can respond in an appropriate manner.

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- We will be aware of the online risk of radicalisation through the use of social media and the internet.
- As we do with any other safeguarding risks, our staff will be alert to any changes in the child'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).
- We already know our children and families well and how they behave enabling us to notice any changes to their behaviour, demeanour or personality quickly.
- We will not carry out unnecessary intrusion into the family life but will take action when we observe behaviour of concern.
- We will assess the risk, by means of a formal risk assessment, of children being drawn into terrorism, including support for the extremist ideas that are part of terrorist ideology.
- We will work closely in partnership with other relevant agencies
- We will build on our relationships with our families and have effective engagements with them being in the key position to spot any signs of radicalisation and assist who raise concerns with us and be able to point them to the right support mechanisms.

We will ensure that our Designated Safeguarding Officer **Morfudd Roberts** and Deputy Managers **Emma Jones & Sarah Barton** will undertake Prevent awareness training (as a minimum) so that they can offer advice and support to other members of staff.

The current threat from terrorism in the United Kingdom may include the exploitation of vulnerable people, to involve them in terrorism or in activity in support of terrorism. The normalisation of extreme views may also make children and young people vulnerable to future manipulation and exploitation.

This Policy is intended to serve as guidance for Practitioners to recognise the signs of those who are at risk and also to inform parents of our legal requirement to put this policy into operation. The prevent of duty care policy is part of our wider safeguarding duties in keeping children safe from harm, and this new policy reinforces our existing duties by spreading understanding of the prevention of radicalisation.

Staff Responsibilities

All practitioners must be able to identify children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation. There is no single way of identifying an individual who is likely to be susceptible to a terrorist ideology, but staff should be alert to changes in children's behaviour, including even very young children, which could indicate they may be in

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need of help or protection. These behaviours can be evident during circle time, Role play activities and quiet times. Quiet times are a good time for children to make disclosures as this is the period that children are closest to their key persons. People from any walks of life can be drawn into radicalisation and not necessarily from a particular religion or ethnicity. Terrorism is not promoted by any religion. The Prevent duty does not require childcare providers to carry out unnecessary intrusion into family life but we are required to take action when we observe behaviour of concern.

Recognising Extremism or Radicalisation

Early indicators of Radicalisation or extremism may include:

- Showing sympathy for extremist causes
- Glorifying violence, especially to other faiths or cultures
- Making remarks or comments about being at extremist events or rallies outside of nursery.
- Out of character changes of dress, behaviour and peer relationships.
- Secretive behaviour.
- Advocating violence towards others.
- Online searches or sharing extremist messages or social profiles
- Writing that displays extremist themes.
- Cultivating British Values

The best way to help children resist extremist views or challenge views such as creationism is to teach them to think critically and become independent learners. We endeavour to support our children by providing playful learning opportunities to help them develop positive diverse and communal identities, as well as their well-being, their empathy and emotional literacy, while continuing to take action to eradicate inequalities, bullying, discrimination, exclusion, aggression and violence; all of which fosters and secures, children's pro-social behaviours and responsible citizenship and real sense of belonging.

What to do if you suspect that children are at the risk of radicalisation

Follow the setting normal Safeguarding Procedures including discussing with Caban YFaenol Cyf's designated safeguarding officer, and where deemed necessary, with Social Services.

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In Prevent priority areas, the local authority will have a Prevent leader who will also provide support. The Safeguarding Officer can also contact the local police force or dial 101 (the nonemergency number).

They will then talk in confidence about the concerns and help to access support and advice.

Concerns can also be raised by email to counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk.

Please note that the helpline is not intended for use in emergency situations, such as a child being at immediate risk of harm or a security incident, in which case the normal emergency procedures should be followed.