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<b>Policy Statement</b>	
<p>This policy is a legal and moral requirement to ensure we know our families' circumstances from the beginning of our engagement with them. This way we can monitor any concerning changes and act accordingly.</p>	
<b>Aims and Purpose</b>	
<p>In 2015 the Counter-terrorism Act placed Prevent on a statutory footing, putting a legal obligation on 'specified agencies' (including early years) "to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism." Through training we have the knowledge and confidence to identify children at risk of being drawn into terrorism. Prevent is part of the United Kingdom's counter-terrorism strategy. Our Prevent officer is Emma Holmes.</p> <p>If we can establish a set of values and beliefs early on in a child's development, it is less likely they will be vulnerable and receptive to extremist groups and actions. These fundamental values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Democracy</li> <li>• Rule of law</li> <li>• Individual liberty</li> <li>• Mutual respect</li> </ul> <p>And they are embedded into our curriculum.</p> <p>We focus on children's personal, social and emotional development, in an age-appropriate way. We encourage and enable their voice. Children learn right from wrong, play and share and value other's views. They know about similarities and differences between themselves and others and are supported to challenge negative attitudes and stereotypes. We place a high importance on citizenship, through our sustainability curriculum.</p>	
<b>Applicability</b>	
<p>Staff Parents</p>	
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<p>Prevent Duty: Safeguarding and supporting those vulnerable to radicalisation.</p>	

## Overview

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## Procedures

### General Procedures

- We have and continue to have training, online and in-house so that we are updated on Prevent procedures and policy and can protect children from being drawn into terrorism
- We discuss Prevent Duty scenarios at regular staff meetings.
- During settling in sessions, we get to know families and as this relationship develops we will more likely be able to identify children and families who may be vulnerable to radicalisation
- We place a high importance on citizenship and incorporate the fundamental values into our curriculum
- Children are supported with guidance around online safety through books, discussions, and personal, social and emotional development
- We carry out a yearly Prevent Risk Assessment using the Local Authority format.
- We are updated on the local risk/threat by our local authority
- If any staff member has concerns, the DSL will make a referral using the Prevent National Referral Form. For initial advice and support they will first consult with The Brighton and Hove City Council Prevent Lead/Co-ordinator
- This form will be emailed to [PreventReferralbrightonandhove@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:PreventReferralbrightonandhove@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

### Definitions of Extremism and Radicalisation

#### Domestic extremism

Domestic extremism refers to the activity of individuals or groups conducting criminal acts of direct action to further their protest campaign. This term covers the conduct of groups involved including the extreme right wing and animal rights extremists.

#### Violent extremism

Violent extremism refers to the activity of individuals or groups conducting acts by any means to express views which justify or glorify terrorist violence. This includes those that encourage others to commit terrorist acts or provoke others into terrorist related activity. It also includes those who foster hatred which may lead to inter-community tensions and violence within the United Kingdom.

#### Radicalisation

Radicalisation is the process where a vulnerable young person or adult changes their perception and beliefs due to exposure of an extremist influence (which may be online, publication or one to one direct contact) to become more extremist in nature which may result in extremist actions.

### Online Safety

There has been a significant rise in number of children radicalised online by right wing extremists/narratives. Figures show a 7% increase in the volume of terrorist content online during Covid-19 and lockdowns. Even though our children don't access any IT without an adult present and they are very young, we know it is important that we equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge to foster a positive relationship with technology.

## External Links and Organisations

Contacts to local Prevent team:

- Prevent Education Officer: [will.robey@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:will.robey@brighton-hove.gov.uk)
- Prevent/ Channel Team: [Channel.Prevent@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:Channel.Prevent@brighton-hove.gov.uk)
- The Channel Co-ordinator based at the Safer Communities team in Brighton and Hove City Council at: [Channel.Prevent@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:Channel.Prevent@brighton-hove.gov.uk) or call on 01273 291115
- The Brighton and Hove City Council Prevent Lead/Co-ordinator: [Nahida.Shaikh@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:Nahida.Shaikh@brighton-hove.gov.uk) or call 01273 290584 or 07717303292

## Relevant Policies and Documents

Safeguarding Children Policy  
Key Person Policy  
British Values Policy  
Female Genital Mutilation Policy  
Listening to Children Policy  
Recruitment Policy

## Authorisation

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