

The Prevent Duty Policy

The Prevent Strategy, published by the Government in 2011, is part of an overall counter-terrorism strategy called CONTEST. The aim of the Prevent Strategy is to reduce the threat to the United Kingdom from terrorism by preventing people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. The Prevent strategy has three specific elements:

- Response to the ideological challenge of terrorism and threat we face from those who promote it.
- Prevention of people being drawn into terrorism and ensuring that they are given appropriate advice and support and
- Work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to address.

The Ark has a duty to keep children safe and promote their welfare. All adults are required to 'have due regard to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'.

The Ark is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and young people. We recognise that safeguarding against radicalisation is no different from safeguarding against any other vulnerability. The Ark will tackle any instances of discrimination and aims to be alert to potential risks from radicalisation and extremism.

All staff are expected to uphold and promote the fundamental principles of **British values**, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. These values are fundamental to helping all children become compassionate, considerate adults.

The Prevent Duty Procedure

- The Ark will promote and implement British Values throughout the delivery of the Early Years Foundation Stage (DfE, 2017), and through policies and procedures relating to equality, behaviour, safeguarding, with which the Prevent Duty is consistent.
- The Ark will ensure that all staff, volunteers and where appropriate, parents understand and promote British values within the children's learning experiences.
- Staff will 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 staff will challenge negative attitudes and stereotypes.
- Staff will be 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.
- Staff will regularly undertake training on safeguarding, British values and Prevent.
- Staff will record and report their concerns to The Designated Safeguarding Leader (DSL) and Manager, when they observe behaviour of concern or identify children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation. The DSLs are: - Sarah McNab and Carly Ricketts.
- The Manager and Designated Safeguarding Leader will assess the risk of children being drawn into terrorism, and work in partnership with local partners such as the police, Prevent

Co-coordinators, Channel Police Staff and their Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB), to take account of local risks and respond appropriately.

- The Manager or Designated Safeguarding Leader will make referrals to local Channel Panels including Channel Police Staff or the LSCB if there are concerns that an individual may be vulnerable to being drawn into radicalisation, terrorism or extremism. When there are concerns or suspicions, DSLs will email the police for advice at MASH@dorset.pnn.police.uk or report concerns to the anti-terrorist hotline on 0800 789 321 999 should be dialled if there is an immediate threat to life.

Extremism is vocal or active opposition to fundamental British Values which include democracy; the rule of law; individual liberty and mutual respect;; and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Radicalisation is a process by which children come to support any form of extremism, including terrorism. It is part of practitioner's wider safeguarding responsibilities to prevent and intervene where appropriate. Vulnerable children can come from all backgrounds. The internet and social media have become a major factor in radicalisation and specific training is available to schools.

This policy links to:
The Arks Child Protection Policy