



Panda Preschool Playgroup

Howell Hall, School Lane, Copmanthorpe, YO23 3SQ

Member of the Early Years Alliance

Ofsted Setting Number EY 501461

Registered Charity Number 1035584

Safeguarding Policy:

The Prevent Duty

From 1st July 2015 all schools, registered early years childcare providers and registered later years childcare providers are subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, in the exercise of their functions, to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”. This duty is known as the Prevent Duty.

We take Safeguarding very seriously, therefore, to ensure that we adhere to and achieve the Prevent Duty we will;

- build the children’s resilience to radicalisation by promoting fundamental British values and enabling them to challenge extremist views
- assess the risk, by means of a formal risk assessment, of children being drawn into terrorism, including support for extremist ideas that are part of terrorist ideology
- be aware of the online risk of radicalisation through the use of social media and the internet
- ensure that our staff understand the risks so that they can respond in an appropriate and proportionate way

As with managing other safeguarding risks, our staff will be alert to changes in children’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 will not carry out unnecessary intrusion into family life but we will take action when we observe behaviour of concern.

The Key Person approach means we already know our key children well and so we will notice any changes in behaviour, demeanour or personality quickly

We will

- work in partnership with our City of York Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) for guidance and support
- build up an effective engagement with parents/carers and families. (This is important as they are in a key position to spot signs of radicalisation)
- assist and advise families who raise concerns with us. It is important to assist and advise families who raise concerns and be able to point them to the right support mechanisms.
- ensure that our Designated Safeguarding Officer will undertake Prevent awareness training so that they can offer advice and support to other members of staff.

- ensure that any resources used in the playgroup are age appropriate for the children in our care and that our staff have the knowledge and confidence to use the resources effectively

Promoting British Values

- http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/Fundamental_British_Values.pdf
 - **Promoting democracy** – everyone has a voice and is listened to; children’s learning and development files include their comments etc. This is an excellent and thought-provoking blog about global citizenship and democracy from Tracy Seed – [More Info](#)
 - **Promoting the rule of law** – teaching children right from wrong or including the police in a ‘people who help us’ theme.
 - **Teaching mutual respect and tolerance** - ensuring children have the right to say ‘no’ and be respected for their choices; including world religions and festivals in our planning to teach children about the world in which they live; linking children’s learning so they understand they are part of a much wider world; displaying posters and reading books which show world religions and cultures, blended families, disability, equality of opportunity etc as the norm.
 - **Group teaching that promotes personal social and emotional development (PSED)** – and provides ‘clear guidance on what is right and what is wrong’

This policy was reviewed and updated March 2022