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Prevent Duty – Preventing Extremism & Radicalisation

At Seedlings we have a duty to safeguard the children that are attending our setting. Part of this duty is to set in place measures to prevent any child from being drawn into or involved with extremism or radicalisation.

The government definition of extremism is:

‘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; and/or calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas.’

- We do not accept or allow extremist views of any kind in our setting be it from children, staff, parents, visitors & visiting professionals. The children see our setting as a safe place where they can ask questions about the world and where our staff encourage and facilitate these opportunities.
- As a setting we recognise that extremism and exposure to extremist materials and influences can lead to poor outcomes for children and so should be addressed as a safeguarding concern and handled as set out in our safeguarding policy. We also recognise that it is our safeguarding duty to challenge and address extremist behaviour within the setting.
- We understand the importance of the children in our setting understanding and being tolerant of differences and diversity and also to ensure that they thrive and feel valued and respected as individuals.
- Children can be exposed to extremist influences or prejudiced views from an early age which originate from a variety of sources and media, including via the internet. There may be times when children may reflect or display views that may be discriminatory, prejudiced or extremist, including using derogatory language. Any prejudice, discrimination or extremist views, including derogatory language, displayed by children or staff will always be challenged and where appropriate supported through discussion with children and their families and the Code of Conduct for staff.
- Where misconduct by a member of staff is proven the matter will be referred to the Local Authority Designated Officer.

As part of wider safeguarding responsibilities setting staff will be alert to:



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- Disclosures by children of their exposure to the extremist actions, views or materials of others outside of the setting, such as in their homes or community groups.
- Graffiti symbols, writing or art work promoting extremist messages or images
- Children exposed to extremist material online, including through social networking sites
- Parental reports of changes in behaviour, friendship or actions and requests for assistance
- Local authority services, and police reports of issues affecting children in other schools or settings
- Use of extremist or 'hate' terms to exclude others or incite violence
- Intolerance of difference, whether secular or religious or, in line with our equalities policy, views based on, but not exclusive to, gender, disability, homophobia, race, colour or culture.

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