

PREVENT DUTY & RADICALISATION POLICY

Policy Statement

EDG Nursery has a statutory duty to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

We recognise radicalisation as a **safeguarding issue** and will respond to concerns through our established safeguarding procedures.

Prevent is not about labelling children or families because of their religion, ethnicity, culture or beliefs. Staff must remain professionally curious, consider the individual circumstances and report concerns based on **behaviour, information and risk**, not assumptions or stereotypes.

The Prevent duty forms part of EDG Nursery's wider responsibility to safeguard children from harm.

What is Prevent?

Prevent is part of the Government's counter-terrorism strategy.

Its aims include:

- tackling the ideological causes of terrorism;
- intervening early to support people who may be susceptible to radicalisation; and
- supporting people who have engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate.

For EDG Nursery, the key principle is simple:

Radicalisation is a safeguarding concern.

Staff should respond in the same professional way they would to other concerns about a child's safety or welfare.

What is Radicalisation?

Radicalisation is the process through which a person comes to support terrorism or extremist ideologies associated with terrorist groups.

There is no single profile or checklist that identifies somebody who is being radicalised.

What Might Staff Notice?

In an early-years setting, concerns may arise through things a child:

- says;
- repeats;
- draws;
- acts out during play;
- describes seeing or hearing;
- tells staff about home or online experiences.

Concerns may also arise from information shared or behaviour demonstrated by adults connected to the child.

Staff might become concerned about:

- repeated language supporting violence or hatred;
- concerning extremist language or symbols;
- children describing exposure to violent/extremist material;
- concerning changes in behaviour;
- adults expressing extremist views around children;
- attempts to encourage hatred towards particular groups;
- concerning online content a child has been exposed to;
- information suggesting someone may be attempting to influence or radicalise a child or family member.

One comment or behaviour does not automatically mean radicalisation is occurring.

Staff should consider the context and report concerns rather than attempting to make their own diagnosis or investigation.

Online Radicalisation

Radicalisation can take place online as well as face-to-face.

Children may potentially be exposed indirectly through:

- social media;
- video platforms;
- messaging services;
- online gaming;
- websites;
- livestreams;
- material viewed by older siblings or adults;
- AI-generated or manipulated content.

EDG's Online Safety, Digital Technology, Mobile Phones and Smart Devices Policy must therefore be followed.

The government's early-years Prevent risk-assessment resources specifically require providers to consider the risk of radicalisation **including online**.

Notice – Check – Share

EDG Nursery uses the government's **Notice, Check, Share** approach.

NOTICE

Something causes concern.

CHECK

Consider the context and, where appropriate, discuss the concern with the DSL.

Do not interrogate the child or investigate the family yourself.

SHARE

Report the concern through EDG's safeguarding procedures.

The government's Prevent Awareness training specifically teaches staff how to apply this approach.

Reporting a Concern

Any member of staff concerned that a child or another person may be susceptible to radicalisation must report this immediately to the DSL/deputy DSL.

Staff should complete the nursery **Cause for Concern /Whistleblowing Form** available in reception, in accordance with EDG's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

Do not investigate the concern yourself.

Do not confront the family.

Do not delay reporting while trying to gather evidence.

Do not promise confidentiality to a child.

Where there is an immediate threat or risk of serious harm, **999 should be contacted.**

DSL Response

The DSL will consider:

- what has been observed or disclosed;
- the child's circumstances;
- other safeguarding information;
- whether further information is required;
- whether Southwark safeguarding advice should be sought;
- whether a Prevent referral is appropriate;
- whether children's social care or police involvement is required.

Prevent concerns should be considered alongside other safeguarding risks rather than treated in isolation.

Where necessary, EDG will work with Southwark, police and other safeguarding partners.

Prevent Referral and Channel

Where concerns indicate that an individual may be susceptible to radicalisation, the DSL may make or seek advice about a **Prevent referral**.

A Prevent referral is intended to enable concerns to be assessed and appropriate support considered. It does not mean that the person has committed an offence.

Where appropriate, a person may subsequently be considered for **Channel**, the multi-agency programme providing early support to people at risk of radicalisation.

Staff must cooperate appropriately with safeguarding partners and information-sharing requirements.

Promoting Children's Resilience

Prevent is not solely about responding to concerns.

Through the EYFS curriculum and everyday practice, EDG supports children to develop:

- positive relationships;
- respect for others;
- confidence and self-esteem;
- an understanding of similarities and differences;
- appropriate ways to express feelings and opinions;
- kindness and empathy;
- a sense of belonging;
- confidence to tell trusted adults when something worries them.

Practice should be inclusive and appropriate to children's age and development.

Equality and Avoiding Stereotypes

Prevent must be implemented fairly and proportionately.

Staff must **never assume that somebody presents a radicalisation risk because of their:**

- religion;
- ethnicity;
- nationality;
- language;
- cultural background;
- appearance;
- family background.

Concerns must be based upon relevant information, behaviour and safeguarding context. Discriminatory practice is unacceptable.

Staff Prevent Training

All EDG staff

All staff must complete the official **Home Office Prevent Duty Awareness Course** as part of their safeguarding training.

<https://www.support-people-susceptible-to-radicalisation.service.gov.uk/portal>

The course currently takes approximately **30–40 minutes** and covers:

- what Prevent is;
- why it is important;
- how Prevent applies to the staff member's role;
- recognising behaviours that may indicate susceptibility to radicalisation; and
- Notice, Check, Share.

Complete the official Prevent Awareness Course

Staff should provide evidence/certification of completion for their training record.

This course covers gathering information, validation and informed Prevent referral.

Refresher Training

EDG staff will complete the Government **Prevent Refresher Awareness Course** annually.

The government training portal currently recommends completing this refresher every year, subject to local training requirements.

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Prevent awareness should also be reinforced through safeguarding updates, supervision and staff meetings where appropriate.

Prevent Risk Assessment

EDG Nursery will maintain an appropriate **Prevent risk assessment** reflecting:

- the children and families we support;
- the local context;
- online risks;
- staff knowledge and training;
- safeguarding procedures;
- building/site risks where relevant;
- partnership arrangements;
- identified actions.

The Department for Education provides a specific **early-years Prevent risk-assessment template**, which EDG may use to support this process.

[DfE Early Years Prevent Risk Assessment Guidance and Template](#)

The risk assessment will be reviewed where circumstances or risks change and as part of safeguarding monitoring.

Key Points for Staff

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All policies contained within this handbook have been created in line with current legislation and statutory guidance. EDG Nursery reviews all policies annually and updates them sooner where changes to legislation, statutory guidance, and recognised sector best practice.

NOTICE - CHECK - SHARE

NOTICE something concerning.

CHECK the context with the DSL.

SHARE the safeguarding concern.

Do not investigate.

Do not stereotype.

Do not confront anyone yourself.

And remember:

Prevent is safeguarding.

Related Policies

This policy should be read alongside:

- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Online Safety, Digital Technology, Mobile Phones and Smart Devices Policy
- Low-Level Concerns Policy
- Whistleblowing Policy
- Staff Code of Conduct
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- SEND Policy
- DSL Responsibilities.