

The Prevent Duty

As part of Whitewell Bottom pre-school's ongoing safeguarding and child protection duties we have incorporated the government's Prevent Strategy into our safeguarding policies.

Schools now have a legal duty to prevent young people from being drawn to terrorism. From 1st July 2015 all schools and childcare providers are subject to a duty under 26 of the Counter Terrorism & Security Act 2015 to have 'due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'.

This duty is known as the Prevent Duty for Schools.

The Prevent Duty ensures all staff are able to identify children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation. The Prevent Duty set out in law, highlights the safeguarding arrangements to promote children's welfare and prevent radicalisation.

This legal duty came into force on 1st July. The duty placed on schools covers 4 areas:

Risk Assessment,
Working in Partnership,
Staff Training
IT Policies.

If a member of staff in pre-school has a concern about a particular child they will follow the school's normal safeguarding procedures, including discussing with the school's designated safeguarding officer, who will, where deemed necessary, will refer to children's social care.

You can also contact your local police force or dial 101 (the non-emergency number). They will talk to you in confidence about your concerns and help you gain access to support and advice. Also, they can advise if this would be a case for the Channel Program.

The Department for Education has dedicated a telephone helpline (020 7340 7264) to enable staff and governors to raise concerns relating to extremism directly.

Concerns can also be raised by email to counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk.