All Silver Stars Day Nursery policies will be subject to any future change according to Government legislation and guidelines to maintain the safety of all children, families, staff and visitors.

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Prevent Duty Care and British Values Policy

Statement of Intent:

The purpose of this policy is to protect and safeguard children and families who may be at risk of radicalisation, with the aim of preventing them from being drawn into terrorism. Since 1st July 2015, it is a legal requirement for Early Years providers to implement the Prevent Duty. Non-compliance can have legal consequences.

This policy complements our existing safeguarding framework and should be read alongside the Safeguarding Children and Child Protection Policy. Prevent Duty is an extension of our commitment to keeping children safe from harm.

Definition

Radical or extreme ideology is defined as *"a set of ideas which could justify vilification or violence against individuals, groups, or self."*

Staff Responsibilities:

All staff must be alert to signs that a child may be vulnerable to radicalisation. There is no single indicator, but changes in behaviour—observed during circle time, role play, quiet activities, or daily routines—may signal a child needs help or protection.

Staff should remember:

- People from any background, religion, or ethnicity can be drawn into radicalisation.
- Extremism is not promoted by any religion.
- Prevent Duty does **not** require intrusive monitoring of families, but action is needed if concerning behaviour is observed.

Promoting British Values

Our setting promotes diversity and inclusion alongside the Prevent Duty. Children are encouraged to respect differences, value diversity, and make safe, thoughtful decisions. Play-based learning supports:

- Critical thinking and independent learning (EYFS Characteristics of Effective Learning).
- Positive communal identities, empathy, emotional literacy, and well-being.
- Reducing inequalities, bullying, discrimination, exclusion, aggression, and violence.
- Developing pro-social behaviours and a real sense of belonging.

Recognising and Responding to Risk

If staff suspect a child may be at risk of radicalisation:

1. Follow the normal safeguarding procedure and consult the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).
2. If needed, contact children's social care or the local Prevent lead in priority areas.
3. For advice, the DSL can contact the local police via 101.
4. Concerns may also be raised with the Department for Education helpline: 020 7340 7264 or email counter.extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk. This is not for emergencies. In urgent cases, follow standard emergency procedures.

Cultural Sensitivity

Staff must be aware that:

- Certain Islamic phrases (e.g., Inshallah, Alhamdulillah, Mashallah, Allahu Akbar) are normal expressions of faith and not signs of radicalisation.
- Traditional dress (e.g., hijabs, niqabs, abayas, jilbabs) is cultural or religious and not an indicator of extremism.

Key Documentation

- Protecting Children from Radicalisation: The Prevent Duty (DFE, Aug 2015) updated December 2023
- Prevent Duty Guidance (Updated Sept 2023)

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