



Prevent Duty and Radicalisation policy

September 2026- September 2027

1. Introduction

1.1 The Prevent Duty is part of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015. It requires specified organisations, including early years settings, to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

1.2 Working Together to Safeguard Children 2026 recognises that children may be vulnerable to extremism and radicalisation. Extremism includes the promotion or advancement of ideologies based on violence, hatred or intolerance which seek to undermine fundamental rights, democracy or the rule of law, or create an environment in which this can happen.

1.3 Radicalisation is the process by which a person comes to support terrorism or forms of extremism that can lead to terrorism. It can happen gradually and may involve grooming, manipulation, exploitation or exposure to extremist material, including online.

2. Recognising concerns

2.1 Staff should be alert to changes in a child's behaviour or circumstances, including:

- becoming increasingly isolated from family or friends;
- increased anger, hostility or intolerance towards others;
- expressing hateful or discriminatory views;
- becoming unusually secretive about online activity; or
- being exposed to extremist or terrorist material.

2.2 These signs do not necessarily mean that a child is being radicalised. Staff should consider the child's individual circumstances and use their safeguarding judgement.

3. What we will do

3.1 We will:

- provide staff with appropriate Prevent and safeguarding training;

- promote an inclusive environment where children learn about respect, tolerance, fairness and different views;
- ensure staff know how to recognise and report concerns;
- follow the Notice, Check, Share approach when concerns arise;
- record concerns accurately and report them to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL);
- make a Prevent referral where appropriate and work with the police, local authority and other safeguarding partners;
- follow local safeguarding and Prevent procedures; and
- act immediately where there is an urgent risk of harm or suspected criminal activity.

3.2 Where appropriate, individuals may receive support through **Channel**, the voluntary, multi-agency safeguarding programme which provides early support to people who may be susceptible to radicalisation.

3.3 This policy should be read alongside our Safeguarding and Child Protection, Online Safety, Equality and Inclusion and Information Sharing policies.

4. Local Contacts – Lincolnshire

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL):

Donna Downs donna.downs@acornchildcarecentre.co.uk

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Lincolnshire Children's Services / Safeguarding:

01522 782111 – Monday to Friday, 8am–6pm

Emergency / out-of-hours Children's Safeguarding:

01522 782333

Lincolnshire Police:

101 – non-emergency

999 – immediate danger or emergency

Staff should report any Prevent or radicalisation concerns to the **DSL**, who will follow the current Lincolnshire safeguarding and Prevent procedures and make a referral to the appropriate agency where necessary.

Current guidance: Prevent Duty Guidance for England and Wales (2023), Working Together to Safeguard Children (2026) and the current EYFS statutory framework.

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