

## Procedure on Radicalisation & Prevent Duty

Little Acorns has a legal duty regarding the need to prevent children and families being drawn into terrorism. The staff aims to build the children's self-esteem and resilience to radicalisation by promoting the fundamental British Values and encourage them and staff to challenge extremist views.

Little Acorns is committed to providing a safe place in which children, young people and staff can understand the risks associated with terrorism and develop the knowledge and skills to be able to challenge extremist arguments.

To ensure staff are given adequate training on Prevent for practitioners. This includes sub-contractors and agency staff

**Extremism:** "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. We also include in our definition of extremism calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas"

**Radicalisation:** "the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and forms of extremism leading to terrorism".

- There is no single way of identifying an individual who is likely to be susceptible to a terrorist ideology. As with managing other safeguarding risks, staff should be alert to changes in children's behaviour, which could indicate that they may be in need of help or protection.
- Likewise they need to stay alert to changes in other staff's behaviour that could lead them to suspect they may be vulnerable to being radicalised
- Children at risk of radicalisation may display different signs or seek to hide their views. Staff should use their professional judgement in identifying children who might be at risk of radicalisation and act proportionately. Staff to seek advice from their DSP or DDSPs
- In particular, outward expressions of faith, in the absence of any other indicator of vulnerability, will not be regarded as a reason to make a referral to Islington Prevent Co-ordinator or Channel.

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