

## **Prevent Strategy**

(Safeguarding children from radicalisation and extremism)

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*Prevent* is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes. The Prevent strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including extreme right wing, violent Islamist groups and other causes.

Since July 2015, all schools and nurseries have had a statutory duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism. This means that we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views in the same way that we protect them from other dangers, such as strangers or playing near roads

Most importantly, at Panda we provide a safe place for children to talk about issues and teach them how to protect themselves.

### **Prevention in Practice**

In practice many of the things we already do at Panda help our children to become positive, happy members of society with a strong sense of identity and belonging. These things also contribute to the Prevent strategy.

These include:

- exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity;
- challenging prejudiced viewpoints and racist comments;
- developing critical thinking skills and a strong, positive self-identity;
- promoting British values, such as democracy, the rule of law and tolerance of individual faiths and beliefs;
- Promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all our children.

We also protect children from the risk of radicalisation, by vetting all new staff and visitors who come into our school through our safeguarding procedures.

### **Isn't my child too young to learn about extremism?**

The Prevent strategy is not just about discussing extremism itself, which would not be appropriate for younger children. It is also about teaching children values, such as tolerance and mutual respect. Children's positive self-identity and self-esteem are of paramount importance to us.

### **Is extremism really a risk in our area?**

It's our duty to take this threat seriously wherever we are. Our focus is on providing the children with the skills to protect themselves from any extremist views they may encounter, now or later in their lives.

This policy was adopted on: December 2015

Last reviewed: February 2019

Date to be reviewed: February 2020

Signed on behalf of Panda Nursery:

Alison Thompson - Director

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