

## LASK Childcare

### Anti Radicalism Policy and Prevent Duty

LASK After School and Holiday Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children in its care. As a childcare provider we recognise that safeguarding against radicalisation is no different from safeguarding against any other vulnerability. At LASK all staff are expected to uphold and promote the fundamental principles of British values, including democracy, the rule of law and individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

#### **Prevent Duty**

From 1 July 2015 all schools, registered early years childcare providers and registered later years childcare providers (referred to in this advice as 'childcare providers') are subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, in the exercise of their functions, to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism". This duty is known as the Prevent duty. It applies to a wide range of public-facing bodies.

#### What is Radicalism?

Radicalism refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and forms of extremism. Protecting children from the risk of radicalisation is seen as part of The Iona School and Nurseries wider safeguarding duties, and is similar in nature to protecting children from other forms of harm and abuse. During the process of radicalisation it is possible to intervene to prevent vulnerable people being radicalised. There is no single way of identifying an individual who is likely to be susceptible to an extremist ideology. It can happen in many different ways and settings. Specific background factors may contribute to vulnerability which are often combined with specific influences such as family, friends or online, and with specific needs for which an extremist or terrorist group may appear to provide an answer. The internet and the use of social media in particular has become a major factor in the radicalisation of young people.

#### What is Extremism ?

Extremism is 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.

## **Aims and Principles**

The main aims of this policy are to ensure that staff are fully engaged in being vigilant about radicalisation; that they overcome professional bodies and agencies to ensure that our children are safe from harm.

The principle objectives are:

- All staff will have an understanding of what radicalisation and extremism are and why we need to be vigilant.
- All staff will know what the club policy is on anti-radicalism and extremism and follow the policy when issues arise.
- All parents and children will know that the club has policies in place to keep children safe from harm and that the club regularly reviews its systems to ensure that they are appropriate and effective.

## **Procedures for Referrals**

Although serious incidents involving radicalisation have not occurred at LASK to date, it is important for us to be constantly vigilant and remain fully informed about the issues which affect the region in which we teach. Staff are reminded to suspend and professional disbelief that instances of radicalisation “could not happen here” and refer any concerns through the appropriate channels (via Designated Safeguarding Officer).

It is recognised that children with low aspirations are more vulnerable to radicalisation and therefore we encourage our children to have confidence, self belief, respect and tolerance as well as striving to achieve high standards and expectations for themselves.

Although access to the internet is not available at the club, they are reminded that people are not always who they say they are on line and told to seek adult help if they are upset or concerned about anything they read or see on the internet.

## **Staff**

We ensure that our staff are full aware of the treats, risks and vulnerabilities that are linked to radicalisation.

This Policy has been written in line with recommendations from the following:-

DFE “The Prevent duty. Departmental advice for schools and childcare providers. June 2015”  
DFE “Keeping children safe in schools July 2015” HM Gov. channel Guidance- Preventing vulnerable people from being drawn into terrorism. 2015

Related Policies:

- Child Protection and Safeguarding
- Anti Bullying
- Behaviour Management

Contact:

LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer): 01159 773921

Police: 999

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