

1 minute guide: Prevent Duty

What does the EYFS state

Providers must also take into account the government's statutory guidance 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2> and 'Prevent duty guidance for England and Wales' <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>

Questions about Prevent duty are always part of the Ofsted Inspection.

A possible answer to the question "What is the Prevent Duty?" could be:

Preventing people who are vulnerable or susceptible to being radicalised or drawn into terrorism, including the expression of extremist opinions and beliefs."

"In Early Years we support this by promoting fundamental British values. These values give children the skills they need to be good citizens and supports them to strengthen their resilience to radicalisation in later life."

Some potential indicators of radicalisation in young children include:

- Long periods of unexplained absence.
- Acting out of character e.g., verbally or physically aggressive, withdrawing from relationships with peers or adults in the setting that had previously been close.
- Aggressive and/or violent small world or role play games, such as acting out cutting another child's throat.
- Changes in the way a parent/carer related to the child and in the way the child related to them e.g., parent being very controlling, negative, child nervous and withdrawn.
- Using negative derogatory names for children linked to their skin colour or racial group.
- Drawings or mark making showing extremist symbols.
- Listen carefully to role play conversations and observe imaginative play. Are children acting out anything which may be a cause for concern?
- Be alert to what is going on in your community - conversations you may overhear from children or families regarding anyone in the local community
- Take note if a child or family tells you they are going on an extended holiday

Training

- Home Office Prevent e-learning - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prevent-duty-training>
- WRAP (Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent) training available on Buy Doncaster Early Years Inclusion Team
- British Values
- ACT – Action counters terrorism - [Report possible terrorist or extremist activity | Action Counters Terrorism - Report possible terrorist or extremist activity](#)
- South Yorkshire Police have produced a leaflet which you may find useful <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/downloads/file/2069/prevent-police-leaflet>
- Further information and resources can be found on the DSCP website <https://dscp.org.uk/professionals/prevent>