

## **Prevent Strategy and Channel General Awareness.**

Our duties at Severn Beach Preschool...

The Prevent strategy, published by the Government in 2011, is part of our country's overall counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST. The aim of the Prevent strategy is to reduce the threat to the UK from terrorism by stopping people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

The Prevent strategy addresses all forms of terrorism and prioritises these according to the threat they pose to our national security. The most significant of these threats is currently from terrorist organisations in Syria and Iraq, and Al Qa'ida associated groups. But terrorists associated with the extreme right also pose a continued threat to our safety and security.

The Prevent strategy has three specific strategic objectives:

- respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it;
- prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support; and
- work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to address.

Prevent also means intervening to stop people moving from extremist groups or from extremism into terrorist-related activity. They define 'extremism' as 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.

**The Channel Process** is early intervention to prevent terrorism

Channel forms a key part of the Prevent strategy. The process is a multi-agency approach to identify and provide support to individuals who are at risk of being drawn into terrorism.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults is everyone's responsibility. Local authorities have a statutory duty to safeguard children, young people and adults in relation to their social services functions. Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 places duties on organisations and individuals to ensure their functions have regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

At Severn Beach preschool, all practitioners attend and/or complete relevant safeguarding training which includes Channel General Awareness Training.

If any staff member is concerned that another member of staff or a member of a family associated to our setting is showing signs that they are: Engaged in terrorist ideals, Intent on causing harm or Capable of being a threat they will follow the Channel Process and if appropriate will make a referral to the local Channel Police Practitioner.