Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to you all in relation to the recent reinforced government guidelines with regards to the Prevent Duty 2015 and British Values.

The purpose of the Prevent Duty is to keep your children safe and support all your children not to become drawn into terrorism. (Please refer to our updated risk assessments you will find on our website under policies and procedures)

The Prevent Duty gives all schools and early years settings a clear guide on how to keep our children safe from becoming involved in radicalisation groups through us embracing the British Values.

These are some of the examples in the way we do this at First Steps in an age appropriate way; we always listen to our friends, take turns and share the toys. We respect and value differences by having diverse activities from different cultures and walks of life, we have kind hands and words.

We recognise the need for children to learn that there are rules and boundaries (again in an age appropriate way) that we all have to follow in order to keep safe. (Please see our golden rules throughout the setting and on our website). We encourage the children to listen to the adults in order to keep safe from harm. For example we need to help tidy up so nobody trips over the toys. We can only go into a room with an adult present. The adults supports the children to use scissors safely.

If you are interested in finding out any more information about British Values or the Prevent duty please follow these links..

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidancey and British values,

http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/Fundamental\_British\_Values.pdf.

Yours sincerely

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