

# R.B Kids Club

## <u>Rights and Entitlements, Equalities and No Platform</u> <u>Policy</u>

At R.B Kids Club we promote children's right to be *strong, resilient and listened to* by creating an environment in our setting that encourages children to develop a positive self-image, which includes their heritage arising from their colour and ethnicity, their languages spoken at home, their religious beliefs, cultural traditions and home background.

- We promote children's right to be *strong, resilient and listened to* by encouraging children to develop a sense of autonomy and independence.
- We promote children's right to be *strong, resilient and listened to* by enabling children to have the self-confidence and the vocabulary to resist inappropriate approaches.
- We help children to establish and sustain satisfying relationships within their families, with peers, and with other adults.
- We work with parents to build their understanding of, and commitment to, the principles of safeguarding all our children.

In addition to this, we will ensure that we provide a safe and caring environment, free from discrimination, for everyone in our community including children with additional needs.

To achieve the Club's objective of creating an environment free from discrimination and welcoming to all, the Club will:

- Respect the different racial origins, religions, cultures and languages in a multi-ethnic society so that each child is valued as an individual without racial or gender stereotyping.
- Not discriminate against children on the grounds of disability, sexual orientation, class, family status or HIV/Aids status.
- Help all children to celebrate and express their cultural and religious identity by providing a wide range of appropriate resources and activities.
- Strive to ensure that children feel good about themselves and others, by celebrating the differences which make us all unique individuals.
- Ensure that its services are available to all parents/carers and children in the local community.
- Ensure that the Club's recruitment policies and procedures are open, fair and non-discriminatory.
- Work to fulfil all the legal requirements of the Equality Act 2010.
- We will monitor and review the effectiveness of our inclusive practice by conducting an Inclusion Audit on an annual basis.

#### Challenging inappropriate attitudes and practices

We will challenge inappropriate attitudes and practices by engaging children and adults in discussion, by displaying positive images of race and disability, and through our staff modelling anti-discriminatory behaviour at all times.

#### Racial harassment

R.B Kids Club will not tolerate any form of racial harassment. R.B Kids Club will challenge racist and discriminatory remarks, attitudes and behaviour from the children at the Club, from staff and from any other adults on Club premises (eg parents/carers collecting children).

#### Promoting equal opportunities

- Staff receive relevant and appropriate training
- This policy is consistent with current legislation and guidance
- Appropriate action is taken wherever discriminatory behaviour, language or attitudes occur.

#### Children with additional needs

R.B Kids Club recognises that some children have additional needs or physical disabilities that require particular support and assistance. We will assess the individual needs of each child in consultation with their parents prior to their attending the Club, and will make reasonable adjustments to ensure that children can access our services and are made to feel welcome.

Where one-to-one support is required we will provide this additional level of care.

#### Special Educational Needs Coordinator

The Club's Inclusion Coordinator (INCO) is Simon Keaney. The INCO will:

- Manage the provision for children with special educational needs or physical disabilities.
- Be fully trained and experienced in the care and assessment of such children.

All members of staff will assist the INCO in caring for children with additional needs or physical disabilities.

R.B Kids Club is committed to providing a safe and caring environment, where children are free from discrimination and protected from abuse, harm and radicalisation. As part of this commitment we aim to ensure that neither our Club sessions nor our premises are used to promote extremist beliefs or discriminatory views.

### Key principles

R.B Kids Club will not allow its Club sessions nor its premises (7:45am – 8:45am – 3:20pm – 6:00pm (term time only) to be used:

- To promote or express extremist ideological, religious or political views
- To promote or express discriminatory views in relation to the protected characteristics cited in the Equality Act 2010
- For any reason by an organisation that is proscribed by the Home Secretary under The Terrorism Act 2000.

#### Definition of terms

*Premises:* The room, space or building used by the Club while it is running a session. 7:45am – 8:45am – 3:20pm – 6:00pm (term time only).

*Extremist views*: Extremism is defined in the Prevent Strategy 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. We also include in our definition of extremism, calls for the death of members of the armed forces, whether in this country or overseas."

Protected characteristics: The characteristics protected under The Equality Act 2010 are:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender reassignment
- Marriage and civil partnership
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Race
- Religion and belief
- Sex
- Sexual orientation

*Proscribed organisations*: A list of proscribed organisations can be downloaded here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/proscribed-terror-groups-or-organisations--2

**Related policies** 

See also: Safeguarding policy

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