

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS/DISABILITY POLICY

Statement of intent

We provide an environment in which all children are supported to reach their full potential.

Aims

- We have regard for the DfES 0-25 SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disability) Code of Practice.
- We include all children in our provision.
- We provide practitioners to help support parents and children with special educational needs (SEN)/disabilities.
- We identify the specific needs of children with SEN/disabilities and meet those needs through a range of strategies.
- We work in partnership with parents and other agencies in meeting individual children's needs.
- We monitor and review our practice and provision and, if necessary, adjust.

Methods

- **Chris Hunt** is our Special Educational Needs Co-coordinator (SENCO), we introduce her to our parents/carers. She attends regular SEN Network Meetings and any relevant training requirements. Chris has been our SEN for the past 15 years and is very knowledgeable.
- We provide a statement showing how we provide for children with SEN/disabilities.
- We ensure that the provision for children with SEN/disabilities is the responsibility of all members of the setting.
- We ensure that our inclusive admissions practice ensures equality of access and opportunity,
see our Equality and Diversity Policy – Admissions.

- We ensure that our physical environment is as far as possible suitable for children with disabilities. However due to the size of our mobile wheelchair users would find it difficult to fully access our provision due to lack of space and no disabled/changing facilities.
- We work closely with parents of children with SEN/disabilities to create and maintain a positive partnership.
- We ensure that parents are informed at all stages of the assessment, planning, provision and review of their children's education.
- We provide parents with information on sources of independent advice and support.
- We liaise with other professionals involved with children with SEN/disabilities and their families, including transfer arrangements to other settings and schools.
- We use the graduated response system for identifying, assessing and responding to children's special educational needs.
- We provide a broad and balanced curriculum for all children with SEN/disabilities.
- We provide a differentiated curriculum to meet individual needs and abilities.
- We use a system of planning, implementing, monitoring, evaluating and reviewing individual educational plans (IEPs) for children with SEN/disabilities.
- We ensure that children with SEN/disabilities are appropriately involved at all stages of the graduated response, considering their levels of ability.
- We use a system for keeping records of the assessment, planning, provision and review for children with SEN/disabilities.
- We provide resources (human and financial) to implement our SEN/disability policy.
- We ensure the privacy of children with SEN/disabilities when intimate care is being provided. See Intimate Care Policy.
- We provide in-house training for practitioners and volunteers.
- We ensure the effectiveness of our SEN/disability provision by collecting information from a range of sources e.g. IEP reviews, staff and management meetings, parental and external agencies views, inspections and complaints. This information is collated, evaluated and reviewed annually.
- We have an inclusive complaints procedure with regard any concerns about the provision in respect of SEN (see our Complaints Procedure).

- We monitor and review our policy annually.

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