

**Supporting children with special educational needs**

**Policy statement**

We provide an environment in which all children with special educational needs (SEN) are supported to reach their full potential.

* We have regard for the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice (2015).
* We have in place a clear approach for identifying, responding to, and meeting children’s SEN[[1]](#footnote-1).
* We support and involve parents (and where relevant children), actively listening to, and acting on their wishes and concerns.
* We work in partnership with the local authority and other external agencies to ensure the best outcomes for children with SEN and their families.
* We regularly monitor and review our policy, practice and provision and, if necessary, make adjustments.

**Procedures**

* We designate a member of staff to be the Special Educational N**e**eds Co-ordinator (SENCO) and give her name to parents. Our SENCO is:

**Vicki Norman**

* We ensure that the provision for children with SEN is the responsibility of all members of the setting.
* We ensure that our inclusive admissions practice ensures equality of access and opportunity.
* We provide a broad, balanced and differentiated curriculum for all children.
* We apply SEN support to ensure early identification of children with SEN.
* We use the graduated approach system (assess, plan, do and review) applied in increasing detail and frequency to ensure that children progress.
* We ensure that parents are involved at all stages of the assessment, planning, provision and review of their children's special education including all decision making processes.
* We where appropriate, take into account children’s views and wishes in decisions being made about them, relevant to their level of understanding.
* We provide parents with information on local sources of support and advice e.g. Local Offer, Information, Advice and Support Service.
* We liaise and work with other external agencies to help improve outcomes for children with SEN.
* We have systems in place for referring children for further assessment e.g. Health and Care.
* We ensure that all our staff are aware of our Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs Policy and the procedures for identifying, assessing, and making provision for children with SEN.
* We provide a complaints procedure.
* We monitor and review our policy on a regular basis.

1. This includes disabled children with special educational needs [↑](#footnote-ref-1)