



Our SEN and Disability Offer

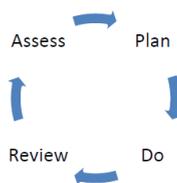
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How does the nursery know if children need extra help and what should I do if I think my child has special educational needs?

When children start with us at the setting, a key worker is allocated with the aim of establishing close relationships with each child and their families. This person is responsible for settling the child into the nursery and carrying out an initial assessment of learning before building on what they already know. If a child's progress is a cause for concern the key worker will raise the issue with the manager or SENCO. At the parents request additional support may be deemed necessary. Additional advice may be received from outside agencies such as speech and language therapists, educational psychologists and health visitors. Throughout this process we will ensure parents are always informed and involved in the process.

How will the nursery support my child with special educational needs?

The Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) will work with the child and set up a personal educational plan to support the child throughout their learning. Small realistic targets will be set and activities will be provided to support the child to achieve those targets. The keyworker will work closely with the child and the SENCO will also provide activities and strategies to support the child.



How will the nursery review my child's progress and how will they share it with me?

We keep a very good development profile on each child so it is clearly visible the stages the child is currently working at in different areas of development and where the child is making progress. We hold parents evenings and talk to parents on arrival and pick up to discuss how the child has been that day. We are also willing to provide extra meetings with parents in a confidential area to discuss any worries or concerns. Development tracking takes place each month and Individual educational plans are reviewed as a working document.

How is the decision made about what type and how much support my child will receive?

Depending on the type of tailored support your child may need, we can involve the early years' service and also apply for additional funds if necessary to enable us to offer extra support.

What support will there be for my child's overall well-being?

As well as providing good learning and development for the children we thrive on providing great quality care for the child's overall well-being. We have strict behaviour policy as well as a robust equal opportunities policy, ensuring all children are supported as equals.

What specialist services and expertise are available at or accessed by the setting?

Early Years Team, Early Years Specialist Teachers, Behaviour Therapists, Health Visitors, Speech and Language therapists.

How will my child be included in activities outside the classroom including school trips?

We believe in all children being equal, meaning no child is ever discriminated against. All children within the setting are able to access the same opportunities and activities are always differentiated for each individual child.

How accessible is the setting environment?

Although we have a ramp and stairs out the front of the building there is side access for children who may need it.

How will the nursery help my child move on to school?

We believe we have an extremely well run transition system within the setting. We have a very close connection to some local schools and will do our up most to provide a very good transition for the children. We provide transition reports to both parents and new schools, providing an overall summary and level of the child's development. We also work with Early Years to contribute to Educational Health Care Plans when it is necessary.

Who can I contact for further information?

You can always discuss your children's learning and development with the children's keyworker. If you have any questions, worries or concerns the manager or deputy are always available to talk. This can be via face to face meetings or by telephone.

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