

SPECIAL NEEDS POLICY

The group will have regard to the current National Assembly for Wales Code of Practice for the identification, Assessment and Education of children with Special Educational Needs. It aims to provide a welcome with appropriate learning opportunities for all children (and adults). The group will cooperate with, and seek the advice and support of, the Referral Scheme, where available, The Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership, and all relevant agencies whilst respecting the rights of children and their families at all times.

Children with special needs, like all other children, should be admitted after full consultation between parents/carers, group staff, Referral Scheme Coordinator, Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership and any other relevant agency workers involved.

Records of the child's progress will be maintained and reviewed regularly. Parental permission will be obtained before records are released on admission to any agency.

Activities will be adapted where possible to allow all children access to the Foundation Phase – Framework for Children's Learning for 3-7 – year olds in Wales.

The group will request additional assistance via the Referral Scheme, or other agencies for one-to-one help, assistance with fees and travels, when necessary.

The nursery will maintain links with local schools and nurseries to help with the transition between the setting and school.

All children's progress is observed, recorded and assessed. Any particular needs identified will be discussed with the parents/carers first, and any other agency if required

Full cooperation will be given to all appropriate agencies, ie therapists, social workers, health visitors, medical staff, psychologists, portage workers etc, in order to meet the specific needs of each child.

The Special Needs Co-ordinator is Mrs B Rees. Three members of staff have over ten years experience working with children with SEN. Two members of staff have attended special needs training provided by the Wales PPA.

Group staff, whenever possible, will attend appropriate special needs training provided by Wales PPA and other agencies. All staff will be given in house training as to identification processes and assessment, and will be given further training when required.

The settings premises have wheel chair access and a disabled toilet.

Staff, helpers, parents/carers and visitors who have special needs will be welcomed and supported by the group, in keeping with the Equal Opportunities Policy, with the needs of the children being of paramount importance at all times.

Complaints will be dealt with as in the settings policy statement.