



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy

Ofsted require me to be aware that some children may have special needs and to be proactive in ensuring that appropriate action is taken when a child is identified as having special needs or starts in my care. I must promote the welfare and development of the child in partnership with parents and other relevant agencies. This is in line with the Code of Practice www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25

I am happy to care for children with special needs providing I feel I can provide them with the care they need. For example, I will not be able to provide one to one care or look after a child in a wheelchair, as unfortunately, my home is not suitable. If your child has additional needs please discuss them with me first as I would not want to raise your expectations.

The following procedures are in place:

If I think a child in my care has a special need I will:

- Keep observational notes
- Share these with the child's parents
- Discuss what support is available
- Keep all matters confidential

If I am caring for a child with special needs I will include them by:

- Valuing and acknowledging children's individuality and help them to feel good about themselves
- Seek information from parents about the child's routines, likes and dislikes
- Adapting activities to enable children with special needs to take part
- Arrange access to specialist equipment if needed
- Consider any risk factors
- Encourage children's confidence and independence

I will work in partnership with parents, involving them in the decision making process and discuss:

- Early identification to ensure appropriate support to facilitate their progress
- Agencies that are also involved in the child's support and care
- Equipment that the child may need
- Advice or support that will help me to provide the best care possible for their child

I will consider how I can ensure the privacy of a child with special needs whilst continuing to supervise other children in my care.

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