

Little Frogs Pre School

Special Educational Needs Policy

Policy Statement

Our aims and ethos:

We welcome the inclusion of all children whatever their individual needs may be. All children have the right to achieve and develop to their full potential. We believe that having an inclusive policy benefits all children, and is a positive experience that reflects the diversity of our community.

This Policy and the provision's practices will be reviewed periodically and kept up to date in accordance with any changes in legislation.

Policy Approved By:  Date: 16.5.14

(On Behalf of the Management Committee of Little Frogs Pre-School)

We aim:

- To value all children equally and to provide opportunities for equal access to the curriculum.
- To plan our curriculum to meet the needs of individual children.
- To recognise that some children will need additional support to ensure access to the whole curriculum
- To recognise the importance of early identification and assessment of children with additional needs, and work within the SEN code of practice.
- To work in partnership with parents, valuing their views and knowledge and keeping them fully involved in their child's learning experience.
- To work collaboratively with other agencies to meet the child's individual needs where necessary.

The co-ordination of provision for children with additional needs.

The special needs co-ordinator (SENCO) at the Little Frog's Pre-school is **Mags Kimber-Zaharia**.

The role of the SENCO is as follows:

- To support the children with practical measures
- To monitor and review the practical intervention
- To support other members of staff

- To co-ordinate the planning for individual needs
- To liaise between the setting and any other professionals involved
- To liaise with, and support parents
- To attend training as necessary to keep up to date with policies and current issues, and share this information with all staff.

Admission arrangements:

Little Frog's Pre-school is committed to working with all children to meet individual needs. We will not exclude any child on the grounds of their additional needs, and will strive to meet their needs and remove any barriers that may arise.

Identifying Special needs and Early Intervention:

All children are given time to settle in and become familiar with their new surroundings and routines. If staff have any concerns about a child they will pass these on to the SENCO, who along with the key person will observe the child and assess their needs.

Staff will work together in partnership with parents to formulate strategies to support the child. The SENCO will take the lead in co-ordinating any additional support for individual children, and will implement the graduated response as stated in the DfEE SEN code of practice.

If a child requires interventions that are additional or different to those offered to all children at each session in order to access the curriculum he/she will be placed at Early Years Action. He/she will be placed at Early Years Action Plus if they require the support of an external agency such as a speech therapist or educational psychologist in order to access the curriculum.

Within our setting, for every child with a Special Educational Need, at Early Years Action, or Early Years Action Plus, we will devise a structured programme to meet the child's needs. We will write and review Individual Education Plans (IEP).

Transitions:

When children move on to another setting we pass on information and records to make the transition as seamless as possible. We would also arrange visits for the child and other professionals e.g. teachers if necessary to help with the transition.

Evaluation of special needs policy:

We will, along with all staff, evaluate our policy every six months or as the need arises to ensure our policy and practice is effective.

Complaints: Any complaints surrounding our practice and provision of children with additional needs should be addressed using the complaints procedure in our policy document.

If you require any additional information on any area of our Special needs Policy please feel free to speak to **Mags Kimber-Zaharia** who will be only too glad to answer any questions you may have.