

Special Needs Policy (including Special Educational Needs)

As a childcare provider Ofsted require me, under standard 10, 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.

I have therefore put the following procedures in place.

If I feel that a child in my care has a special need I will keep observational notes and share these notes with the child's parents as soon as it reasonably possible. I will discuss what support is available and at all times keep 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. I will ask for information from parents about the child's routines, likes and dislikes. I will ensure that activities are adapted to enable the child with special needs to participate. Where possible, I will arrange access to specialist equipment if needed. I will at all times encourage the child's confidence and independence.

I will work in partnership with parents and discuss with them any agencies that maybe involved in their child's support and care, any equipment that their child may need and request advice/support that will help me to provide the best possible care 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.

Working with other settings

As an OFSTED Registered Childminder working to the EYFS I will liaise with the pre -school regarding the EYFS.

I will with your written permission discuss with the pre school what activities they are planning and try to link this with my own planning to continuity of care for your child. I will do this on a regular basis and provide the pre school with an information journal to record any events they seem appropriate to get a more rounded picture of your child's education. This will enable us to work as a team and celebrate your child's learning journey throughout the EYFS.