

## **SPECIAL NEEDS POLICY**

I am aware that some children have special educational needs and/or physical disabilities that require particular support and assistance. I will take appropriate action to make sure that all children are able to access my service, made to feel welcome and that the activities I provide promote their welfare and development.

I believe that children with special educational needs and/or physical disabilities have a right to play, learn and be able to develop to their full potential alongside other children. Whenever possible, children with special educational needs and/or physical disabilities will have access to the same facilities, activities and play opportunities as their peers. Everybody stands to gain if all children are allowed to share the same opportunities and are helped to overcome any disadvantages that they may face.

My practice in relation to children with special educational needs and/or physical disabilities is consistent with current legislation and guidance, including the Special Education Needs and Disability Act 2001 and the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

I believe that by identifying individual needs and taking proactive steps alongside parents/carers, other statutory professionals or agencies, all children should be able to play a full, active and equal part in my activities.

I will regular monitor and review children's progress which my involve parents/carers, other professionals and if appropriate, the child themselves and ensure any actions are followed through.

I will assess each child's specific needs and adapt my facilities, practice and activities as appropriate.

I will ensure that children with special educational needs and/or physical disability are fully considered when activities are being planned and prepared.

I will liaise with parents/carers about the needs of their children and my plans and actions.

I will liaise with other agencies to seek advice, support and training as necessary.

I will ensure that all children are treated with equal concern and respect and are encouraged to take part in all activities.

I will ensure that accurate observations and assessments of children's progress are regularly made and properly recorded.

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