



Policies

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITY (SEND) POLICY

Hatch Warren Under Fives and Kempshott Under Fives Preschool, will hereafter be referred to as the "Preschool".

Preschool SENCO/Inclusion Co-ordinator is Angela Blomquist.

A child has Special Education Needs if they have:

- A greater difficulty in learning than the majority of children the same age.
- A need that calls for special provision to be made for them.
- A disability that prevents or hinders the child from making use of educational facilities.
- Challenges with behaviour or discipline.
- A higher level of learning ability than the majority of children the same age

These needs could be short term for a few days or long term for their entire duration at Preschool.

We provide an inclusive setting in which all children are welcome. Applications for admission are considered sympathetically and the needs for each child are assessed on an individual basis. We are realistic when admitting children with special needs as we want to ensure that their needs are met alongside the needs of other children, and always aim to allow admission.

Prior to a child's admission, we will consult with the parent and any other relevant professionals, with permission, to ensure the child's needs can and will be met by us.

Each child starting at the group will be appointed a member of staff who will be their Key Person. They will not have sole responsibility for a child but will develop a meaningful relationship with the child and will be responsible for writing development reports, Individual Educational Plans (IEP) and will be available for advice and support to a child and their family.

Our Senco is responsible for coordinating SEND planning, liaison and supervision with the support of the Preschool Manager (or deputy if the manager is also the Inclusions Coordinator). The Inclusions Coordinator attends training courses on an ongoing basis to keep updated with the latest SEND information and techniques. The Key Person will liaise with the Inclusions Coordinator when necessary however we ensure that SEND is the responsibility of all our staff in accordance with the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice.

We provide a differentiated curriculum to meet individual needs and abilities. The Preschool will seek funding from the Local Education Authority or any other charitable organisation if applicable.

It is our aim to work in partnership with parents and other professionals including therapists, health visitors, psychologists, social workers, paediatricians, portage workers, etc., to identify, liaise with and support children and their families with special needs.

We have links with local schools, other preschools, specialised schools and units in the area.

We have regard for the SEND Code of Practice (September 2014)

The SEND Folder contains information for special educational needs with regard to individual children, whilst monitoring their support, short or long term. Within the folder, we will hold confidential information/assessments and, with the permission of the parent/guardian, may share this with outside agencies, e.g. health visitor, speech therapist, etc. Information may be accessed by the persons with parental responsibility. The Senco/Deputy Senco will coordinate the folder.

Individual targets may be set with the opportunity for regular discussions and updates of the child's progress. Individual education plans will be used.

Local Offer

Every Local Authority must publish, in one place, information about provision they expect to be available in their area for children and young people from 0-25 who have SEN. Hampshire's SEND Local Offer is designed to help you find the very best support for your child or young person. The Local Offer includes information about education, health, social care, preparation for adulthood, leisure services and access to impartial advice or support. To view Hampshire's SEND local offer please click on the link below:-

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/specialneeds>

Hatch Warren under Fives Local Offer statement can be found at:-

https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/service.page?id=Xp2FrR_yPHQ&familychannel=0

Kempshott under Fives Local Offer statement can be found at:-

<https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/service.page?id=7nOmQPSofXU&familychannel=0>

This policy was adopted at a meeting of the Preschool held on

Signed on behalf of the Preschool _____