

Coniston Early Years Centre Policy Document

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Special educational needs. Providers must have arrangements in place to support children with SEN or disabilities. Providers must have and implement a policy, and procedures, to promote equality of opportunity for children in their care, including support for children with special educational needs or disabilities.

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9.2 Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs

Policy Statement.

We provide an environment in which all children, including those with special educational needs (SEN), are supported to reach their full potential.

- We have regard for the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice 0-25 (2014) and any subsequent updates.
- We ensure our provision is inclusive to all children with special educational needs.
- We support parents and children with special educational needs.
- We identify the specific needs of children with special educational needs and meet those needs through a range of SEN strategies.
- We work in partnership with parents and other agencies in meeting individual children's needs.
- We monitor and review our policy, practice and provision and, if necessary, make adjustments.

Procedures

- We have a designated member of staff to be the Special Educational Needs Coordinators (SENDCO) for the setting and give their names to parents. Our SENDCO is:
.....Joanne Wright.....
- We ensure that the provision for children with special educational needs is the responsibility of all members of the pre school.
- We ensure that our inclusive admissions practice ensures equality of access and opportunity.
- We use a graduated approach to identifying, assessing and responding to children's special educational needs.
- We work closely with the parents of children with special educational needs to create and maintain a positive partnership.
- We ensure that parents are informed at all stages of the assessment, planning, provision and review of their children's education.

- We provide parents with information on sources of independent advice and support.
- We liaise with other professionals involved with children with special educational needs and their families, including in connection with transfer arrangements to other settings and schools.
- We provide a broad, balanced and differentiated curriculum for all children with special educational needs.
- We use a system of planning, implementing, monitoring, evaluating and reviewing Special Educational Needs plans (SEN plans) for children with special educational needs.
- We ensure that children with special educational needs are appropriately involved at all stages of the graduated response, taking into account their levels of ability.
- We have systems in place for supporting children during the various stages of the process.
- We have systems in place for working with other agencies through each stage of the Early Years graduated response process.
- We use a system for keeping records of assessment, planning, provision and review for children with special educational needs.
- We provide resources (human and financial) to implement our Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs Policy.
- We provide in-service training for parents, practitioner and volunteers where practical and applicable.
- We raise awareness of any specialism the setting has to offer eg Makaton trained staff, Team Teach and Portage.
- We ensure the effectiveness of our special educational needs provision by collecting information from a range of sources e.g. SEN Plan reviews, staff and management meetings, parental and external agency's views, inspections and complaints. This information is collated, evaluated and reviewed annually.
- We provide a complaints procedure.

Highest Needs Children - Our Nice Hub

- We have a designated area of our setting named NICE Hub (Nurturing Individual Childrens Early Years)
- The Nice Hub maintains a much higher ratio of staff to children and we aim for a 1:2 ratio where possible.
- The Nice Hub is staffed by highly trained practitioners with a passion for supporting children with high needs.
- The Nice Hub aims to provide children with an individually tailored curriculum based on their identified needs.
- Nice Hub staff also support the main hub as there are children attending in the main hub that also need more specialised support.

- The Nice Hub caps its numbers of children to a maximum of 10 a day to ensure they can provide the highly specialised support the children in the Nice Hub require.
- Staff in the Nice Hub aim to help their children transition to school through a wide range of activities including supported visits to prospective schools, support with paperwork such as EHCP's, etc.
- Staff in the Nice Hub also support parents in their interactions with other organisations, completing DLA paperwork and much more besides.

Further Guidance

- Issues in Earlier Intervention: Identifying and Supporting Children with Additional Needs (DCSF 2010)
- The Team Around the Child (TAC) and the lead professional: A Guide for Managers (CWDC 2009)
- Special Educational Needs Code of Practice 2014

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