

Special Educational Needs Policy

Statement of Intent

We provide an environment in which all children are supported to reach their full potential, taking regard for the DfES Special Educational Needs Code of Practice.

Aims

- We include all children in our provision.
- We provide teachers help to support parents and children with special educational needs (SEN)/disabilities.
- We identify the specific needs of children with SEN/disabilities and meet those needs through a range of strategies.
- We work in partnership with parents and other agencies in meeting individual children's needs.
- We monitor and review our practice and provision and, if necessary, make reasonable adjustments.

Methods

- We designate a member of staff to be special educational needs co-ordinator (SENCO) and give his/her name to parents. Our current SENCO is Alexandra Earnshaw.
- We ensure that the provision for children with SEN/disabilities is the responsibility of all members of staff including chaperones for performances and examinations.
- We ensure our inclusive admissions practice ensures equality of access and opportunity.
- We ensure our physical environment is as far as possible suitable for children with disabilities.
- We work closely with parents of children with SEN/disabilities 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 use the graduated response system for identifying, assessing, and responding to children's special educational needs.
- We provide a differentiated curriculum to meet individual needs and abilities.
- We ensure that children with SEN/disabilities are appropriately involved in all areas of dance, considering their levels of ability.
- We ensure the privacy of children with SEN/disabilities when intimate care is being provided.
- We raise awareness of any specialism the school has to offer, e.g. Makaton trained staff.
- We provide a complaints procedure.

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