

Pendoylan Childcare

SPECIAL NEEDS POLICY

What are 'Special Needs'?

There are many definitions of 'special needs', which are appropriate for different purposes. Many children may be assessed as having special needs at some time in their school life. This assessment for the majority of children is temporary and may only apply to their behavioural or educational needs within a school setting. Children who need extra support in the classroom may have no special need within a play setting. Some children, however, may require specialist treatment, facilities or care while in the Pendoylan Childcare, that is above and beyond the usual provision for most children.

Our Special Needs Statement of Intent

We aim to provide a welcoming and supportive environment for all children, staff and parents. They will all be treated with dignity and respect. Pendoylan Childcare support integration and the treatment of all children and adults as individuals.

- Where possible, Pendoylan Childcare will provide adaptations to the facilities and environment in order to cater for individual special needs.
- Play opportunities will be provided which are accessible to all children regardless of need.
- Where appropriate, children's progress will be monitored and recorded in consultation with parents and carers.
- Staff will receive appropriate special needs training as required.
- Full co-operation will be given to outside agencies in order to meet the specific needs of the child.
- Pendoylan Childcare will consult with children and parents as appropriate with regard to individual special needs.
- Strategies such as positive behaviour management will be implemented.
- Pendoylan Childcare will promote anti-discriminatory practices and images and encourage a positive atmosphere for all.

Signed Responsible Individual :

P. M. Vaughan

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Next Review: Autumn 2019