SEND Policy

At Little Cherubs Kindergarten, we aim to ensure positive attitudes to diversity and difference. We also aim to help all children become confident learners. As a setting we offer a wide range of activities to encourage development and learning through play.

Lindy Davis is the manager of Little Cherubs Kindergarten and is therefore the sole person responsible for SEND within the setting. At Little Cherubs we have a Lead SENCO (Aliya Mamoona) and Abbie Wilson is the Deputy SENCo who are available to carry out the roles and responsibilities in Lindys absence. It is the Lead SENCO and the Managers responsibility to ensure that we follow the current legislations.

Legislation include: -

- Children and families Act (2014)
- SEND code of practice 0-25 years (2014) (updated 2015)
- Equality act (2010)
- SENDA (2001)

Both Lindy and the SENCO are responsible for implementing the current legislation. However, it is the SENCO who is to ensure the day-to-day running of SEN procedures.

Little Cherubs SENCO will attend further relevant training as it becomes available and is relevant to her in her SENCO role.

The SENCO's Roles and Responsibilities are: -

- Meet with parents and carers
- Arrange and attended meetings with professionals
- Support and advise other members of staff
- Carry out assessments on children with SEN and ensure planning is meeting their needs
- Ensure SEND records are up to date and correct
- To refer children on to specialist and complete paper work
- To deal with concerns of other members of staff or parents

In line with guidance from the EYFS and in line with the SEND Code of Conduct we will endeavour to:-

- Be alert to the early signs of needs that could lead to later difficulties and respond quickly and appropriately, involving other agencies as necessary with parent's permission
- Encourage children to recognise their own unique qualities and the characteristics they share with other children
- Maintain records suitable for sharing with colleagues in an inter-agency team while acting as a point of contact for a child and their family
- Follow the Redbridge and Barking and Dagenham Early years referral procedures

There are several levels of support we can offer children at the setting due to the Redbridge Local Offer. The SEND Early years Core Offer outlines the support available to each child with SEN and what support they are entitled to receive.

The core offer is available to all children, and is used when a concern is raised in regards to a child's development, when doing so the key person alongside the SENCO will complete a baseline assessment and observe and then plan individually to meet the needs of the child, this is done through targeted observations on the area of needs before sharing with the child's parent.

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An Individual Outcome Plan may be put in place in order to implement strategies and interventions but this is reviewed on a regular basis. If this level of support is not working the child will then be given a targeted offer which will often include referrals to other professionals as well as a SEYP notification and Early Support plan, everything is done with consent from parents, the setting will set up frequent meetings to review the child's progress and to discuss the possibility of funding for the setting to provide extra support for the child to further support them in meeting their targets, this is also reviewed on a regular basis.

If the setting feels that the child is not progressing as well as they could, they may suggest that the child be given an enhanced offer which is for children with the highest level of needs, this will include an EHC (Educational Health Care Plan) assessment to ensure that the child will receive relevant support even when no longer at the setting.

When a child has a recognised condition or ongoing medical needs, relevant information is sought from parents and carers on admission and kept in the child's confidential folder. Confidential reports and records of progress and reviews are securely stored. The setting follows the relevant guidelines for data protection and confidentiality.

Although we have ramp access , we do not have wheelchair access into the setting, this is due to the door frames being too small to fit a wheel chair through.