



Supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

Lechlade Little Learners are committed to the integration of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and has high aspirations

Policy statement

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

- We have regard for the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice (2014).
- We have in place a clear approach for identifying, responding to, and meeting children's SEND.
- We support and involve parents (and where relevant children), actively listening to, and acting on their wishes and concerns.
- We work in partnership with the local authority and other external agencies to ensure the best outcomes for children with SEND and their families.
- We regularly monitor and review our policy, practice and provision and, if necessary, make adjustments.
- We ensure our provision is inclusive to all children with special education needs.

Procedures

- We designate a member of staff to be the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) and give his/her name to parents. Our SENCO is: Mrs Hazel Adamson
- We ensure that the provision for children with SEND is the responsibility of all members of the setting.
- We ensure that our inclusive admissions practice ensures equality of access and opportunity.
- We provide a broad, balanced and differentiated curriculum for all children.

- We use the graduated approach system (assess, plan, do and review) recommended by Gloucestershire County Council.
- We ensure that parents are involved at all stages of the assessment, planning, provision and review of their children's special education including all decision making processes
- We will, where appropriate, take into account children's views and wishes in decisions being made about them, relevant to their level of understanding.
- We provide parents with information on local sources of support and advice e.g. Local Offer, Information, Advice and Support Service.
- We liaise and work with other external agencies to help improve outcomes for children with SEND.
- We have systems in place for referring children for further assessment e.g. Common Assessment Framework/Early Help Assessment and Education, Health and Care (EHC) assessment.
- Lechlade Little Learners will provide resources, human and financial (cost dependant) to implement our Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs Policy.
- We ensure that all our staff are aware of our Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs Policy and the procedures for identifying, assessing and making provision for children with SEN.
- We raise awareness of our special education provision via our website and or promotional materials.
- We provide a complaints procedure.
- We monitor and review our policy annually or more frequently if new guidance recommends additional requirements.

Further guidance

- Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework (DfE 2014)
- Working Together to Safeguard Children (DfE 2013)
- Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice (DfE & DoH 2014)

This policy was reviewed May 2024

This policy is to be reviewed annually unless legislation requires before.