

Local Offer: Early Years Settings



Special Educational
Needs & Disability

EAST HARPTREE NURSERY PRE SCHOOL AND FOREST SCHOOL

Ofsted number 133021

- Our Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator (SENCO) is Lin Green
- We believe children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities are entitled to the same provision and the same opportunities as other children. We appreciate that all children with and without disabilities and learning difficulties have a contribution to make to society and experiences to share with one another. Children belong together – with advantages and benefits for everyone, they do not need to be protected from each other. We aim to have a regard for the DfEE Code of Practice on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and provide a welcome and appropriate learning opportunity for children.
- We will admit children with special Educational needs and disabilities, like all other children, to the Nursery Pre School after consultation between child, parents, SENCO and Manager. Through this meeting we will gain insight into the child's needs and the help we can provide.
- We operate a system of observation, record keeping and assessment that enables us to monitor all children's needs and progress on an individual basis. We listen to the child, acknowledging their right to an opinion and we will respond appropriately.
- We will liaise closely with parents and carers to discuss their child's progress, achievements and plans for the future. We will organise joint meetings and request help from other professionals if we feel the child's needs cannot be met purely from within the provision. We will work closely with schools to provide a consistency of care for the child during transition.
- We will make the Nursery Pre School and its environs as accessible as possible within the confines of our tenure (the building is exempt from the Disability Act therefore we cannot accommodate wheelchairs). We will provide the child with a warm welcome and appropriate learning opportunities and make them as happy, comfortable, secure and independent as possible.
- Our many years of experience and hard work have gained us a noteworthy reputation, amongst parents, peers and other professionals, for delivering exceptional support to the children in our care. Every child is at the forefront of planning, meetings and documentation. Each child's individuality and strength is built upon enhancing their self- esteem and sense of self-worth.