

Local Offer: Early Years Settings



Local Offer at Noah's Ark Pre-School, Weston, Bath Ofsted Number: EY224711

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At Noah's Ark we support and value all of the children we work with as individuals.

Our provision for Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities is different for every child. It is designed by the SENCO, and Key Worker for that individual alongside the child's family and, where necessary, outside agencies (e.g. a Speech and Language Therapist or an Educational Psychologist).

Typically, a child with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities will have an IEP (Individual Education Plan) which sets out targets that are currently being worked on and shows what additional provision is put in place for that child. The content of the IEP is discussed with the child's family.

Quote from Ofsted Inspection 2010 - 'Partnerships with parents are good. Parents are welcomed into the setting and encouraged to share information about their child to enable positive working relationships to develop and the children to settle well. This ensures that the children's welfare and learning needs are well met.'

For many children, targets will be connected to learning and will often be specifically to do with Communication and Language. For other children, this may also include Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

As a Pre-School we look at the child's developmental age within the 3 Prime Areas (Personal, Social & Emotional Development, Physical Development and Communication & Language) regularly throughout the year. Any child that is at a developmental stage below their age will be closely monitored to make sure that these areas are focused on.

The children at Noah's Ark Pre-School benefit from a range of teaching and learning styles and differentiated planning both for reinforcement and extension.

Extract from Parent Questionnaires:

Is there anything your child would like to say about Noah's Ark?

- I feel very happy when I go to pre-school. I hop and skip all the way down the hill.
- The teachers are all fantastic
- I like going to Noah's Ark because it's fun.
- Most days as he leaves he says, 'That was GREAT!'
- The teachers are my best friends¹

The pre-school is not able to accommodate children with certain physical difficulties for example those who rely on a wheelchair due to external and internal steps. There are limited quiet spaces but we can have occasional access to a separate room for 1:1 work.

We complete Moving On forms for children before they start school. These include parental contributions and are written by the child's keyworker. Nurture Care Transition Plans are completed and shared with schools for our SEN children during a Transition Planning Meeting following observations of these children within the setting.

For more information about our 'Local Offer' for children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities, and/or if you have any questions or queries about SEN, please speak to Helen Simpson.