

CUBBY'S CLUBHOUSE



Special Needs Policy

Ofsted require me to be aware that some children may have special needs and to be proactive in ensuring that appropriate action is taken when a child is identified as having special needs or starts in my care. I must promote the welfare and development of the child in partnership with parents and other relevant agencies.

I have therefore put the following procedures in place:

If I think a child in my care has a special need I will:

- Keep observational notes
- Share these with the child's parents
- Discuss what support is available
- Keep all matters confidential

If I am caring for a child with special needs I will include them by:

- Valuing and acknowledging children's individuality and help them to feel good about themselves
- Seek information from parents about the child's routines, likes and dislikes
- Adapting activities to enable children with special needs to take part
- Arrange access to specialist equipment if needed
- Consider any risk factors
- Encourage children's confidence and independence

I will work in partnership with parents and discuss:

- Agencies that are also involved in the child's support and care
- Equipment that the child may need
- Advice or support that will help me to provide the best care possible for their child

I will consider how I can ensure the privacy of a child with special needs whilst continuing to supervise other children in my care.