

SEND in the Early years

In accordance with the SEND code of practice 2014, The Children and Families act 2014 and the Equality Act 2010, Greenleas Pre-School and nursery welcome all children into the setting at all stages of development. We work closely with parents and the relevant professionals to ensure that each child reaches their full educational potential and receives the additional interventions to help them do so if required. Early intervention and identification are crucial for children with educational needs and disabilities; this allows intervention and support to be put in place as soon as possible to assist the child in their development. At all stages of your child's learning, we will have conversations with you, and if there are any concerns about your child's development that either the setting or the parents feel that they need to discuss, then this will be done in a confidential, supportive and timely manner which suits all parties.

The Pre-school and nursery work closely with many outside agencies like Health Visitors, Speech and Language Therapists and Early years Advisory teachers, all who have a wealth of experience of differing educational needs and disabilities and can give advice and support to the child, the Pre-School/nursery and the parents should it be required.

If a child has a special educational need or disability (SEND) then the pre-school or nursery will work with the parents to support them through the journey from referral to an outside agency, whether for support or further investigation, right the way through to the transition into school. This will ensure that the child starts full time school with the support they need already in place, helping them to settle in quickly and carry on learning.

In some instances a child may need an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC) to provide them with a level of support in the school environment. This process will also be done if necessary within the Pre-school or Nursery. If the child has been identified early enough and meets the criteria, this request can be completed and be in place prior to a child starting school full time.

The most important thing is that Greenleas Pre-school or Nursery will work with the parents, and at the parents' pace throughout the journey of a child that may have an additional need. We understand that starting on a journey with a child with SEND need can be a very emotional time and very confusing for parents and we aim to support them at every stage throughout the process.