

SEND- Local offer -

Local Offer for Children with Special Educational Needs and/ or Disabilities (SEND) (accessible ONLY in England)

How will Step By step children's nursery know if your child needs extra support

When your child starts with us you will fill in an 'All About Me' you can voice any concerns you have in certain areas.

Your child will have a key worker who will get to know your child through regular observations. These will help the keyworker assess the child. Observations will inform planning especially around the child's individual needs.



The keyworkers talk to parents about interests at home and any concerns parents may have. They will assess your child and identify any areas of development that may need support. Parents and keyworkers work together to put in place next steps.

How will staff support my child at nursery.

The nursery has a trained SENCO who support parents and key workers of the children.

Policies and procedures ensure that we are inclusive and support children with SEN.

Keyworkers identify an area of need. The SENCO will work to provide a 'Setting based support plan'. Their individual needs and abilities will be on it.

At 27months, your child will have a progress check via the health visitor. They will liaise with us and parents at the nursery to discuss the child's progress.

The 'SENCO' will talk to other professionals. Speech and Language, Health Visitors and ISEND. This helps move the child forward to their next steps.

Children will be able to access extra support through funding. This provides extra support for staff or resources.

How does Step by step involve parents?

We value parents input and communicate with them well through our online journal.

We post regular observations and we encourage parents to update us on activities they do at home.

Parents attend meetings for their child. They can review their child's progress and support their wellbeing.



How accessible are the environments?

The nursery have visual timetables to help children understand what they are doing in the day. Photos and visual pictures are around the room to tell the child what the different areas are.

The SENCO will audit the setting to see if they are inclusive to everybody. We are wheelchair friendly and ramps are in place if needed.



Settling and transition

Your child will settle through the first visits with you, then with their keyworker. We liaise with you about the transition to see if they need more time.

Due to the nursery being in one room the child knows all the adults, making any other transition easier.

Staff training and experience

The nursery Senco has over 30 years' experience with children with SEN

Staff receive SEN training via the East Sussex portal.

50% of staff are Makaton trained level 1-4.

Staff are all SENCO trained via the learning Portal
Specialist services and support are available through the ISEND and the speech team.