



## **The Local Offer of support for children and young people with special educational needs and disability. (SEND)**

### **An overview of the provision for children with SEND at The Limes Nursery School and Children's Centre.**

#### **Nursery Classes**

##### Willow Room (Provision for children aged two-three)

We offer a safe, nurturing and enriching environment where children are happy to explore and learn. The ratio of staff to children is one to four. The team provides inclusive and individual support for children with a range of additional needs. The Willow team, and more specifically the child's key person, aims to develop positive and supportive relationships with children and their families, making links with the children's centre and family support services. The Sendco works alongside children, families and the team, liaising with other agencies to establish early identification of children's additional needs.

##### Green and Red Rooms. (Provision for children aged three-four)

We offer an inclusive approach that aims to provide all children with high quality teaching and learning opportunities, responding to children's individual needs and learning styles. The ratio of staff to children is one to ten. We deliver a broad, balanced curriculum and a well resourced learning environment, both inside and outside. We aim to work in partnership with parents/carers and a range of other agencies, enabling us to identify children's additional needs and requirements and to provide effective support.

#### **If I have concerns, about my child's development, who are the people I need to talk to?**

- In the first instance, please share your concerns with your child's Key Person or linked Class Teacher or Daycare Manager in Willow.
- Together the team and Sendco will make further observations of your child and gather evidence for further assessment.

#### **Children's Centre Services**

We provide a wide range of groups and services in response to local needs, at the centre, in the community and in the home. We support individual families in nurturing and managing relationships, positive behaviour, daily routines, the importance of play and offer practical solutions and advice to everyday challenges. The family

support team work in partnership with health professionals and provide information and support.

### **Meet The Teams.**

<u>Head Teacher.</u>	Catherine Bolam.
<u>SEN Governor.</u>	Antonia Hook
<u>Deputy Head:</u>	Kathryn Kempster
<u>Sendco.</u>	Karen Farmer.

### **Willow Room**

Daycare Manager:	Michelle Phillips
Early Years Practitioners:	Amy Soden, Tracey Smith, Natasha Clarke, Martha Provedo Prieto, Jane Game, Balvinder Kaur (Maternity leave)

### **Red Room**

<u>Teacher.</u>	Helen Hogg
<u>Early years practitioners.</u>	Fatma Habelhames, Noor Hussaini, Gosia Miekus
<u>Early Years Support.</u>	Odette Perkins/Vacant post

### **Green Room**

<u>Teachers.</u>	Jodie Gallagher, Angela Colwill, Katie Cheyne
<u>Early Years Practitioners.</u>	Paula Thompson, Angela Hennell, Joanne Rutter.
<u>Early years support.</u>	Odette Perkins/Vacant post

### **Children's Centre**

Family Support Team Leaders: Rachael Elson & Penny Taylor  
Family Support Practitioners. Jane Dennett, Monique Wauchope & Kolchuma Begum.

### **How will the setting know if my child needs additional support with their learning?**

### **How will I know if my child is making progress?**

- Detailed observations are made of children's learning and development, interests and strengths. Photographs are also used to show evidence.
- These observations are recorded using an individual Learning Diary, which is fully accessible to parents/carers through the use of Tapestry software.
- These observations of children's progress are assessed in line with the Development Matters of the Early Years Foundation Stage.
- Where it is highlighted that children are developing out of step with more typical age related expectations, the Class Teacher will share these concerns with the child's parents/carers and school Sendco.
- An internal referral will be made for the Sendco to observe and assess your child's learning.
- An individual provision plan will be made to fully support your child to learn and achieve, within the setting

- Following evidence gathering through observation and consultation with parent/carers, a joint decision may be made to refer your child to an outside agency, to further assess your child's additional needs.
- At three points in the school year data is collected regarding all children's progress across the setting. This is analysed by senior management and class teachers.
- Specific interventions can be put into place to have a positive impact on areas of learning, highlighted through the data collection, that require specific targeting to ensure children continue to make progress.
- A Family Support Planning Meeting may also be arranged where children have input from a range of other agencies. At this meeting a support plan will be established, reviewed and an action plan written. You will be made fully aware of your child's development and progress.
- There are opportunities three times per year for where all parents/carers have a half hour appointment, to talk about their child's progress with their key person.

### **What different types of support and learning interventions are available at the setting?**

- We aim to provide high quality teaching and learning for all children, building on prior learning and understanding.
- Class teams plan with specific learning intentions in mind, reflecting on the children's learning, strengths and interests.
- These learning intentions are differentiated to suit a range of learning needs and styles.
- Children experience different types of teaching and learning opportunities, e.g. In small groups, key groups, and one to one focused times.
- Staff play alongside your child with planned activities and targeted strategies, e.g. social interactions or turn taking skills
- Advice from other agencies will be reflected in the plans for children's learning. These agencies may include: CCHP. Speech and language therapy. Community Paediatrician. Physiotherapy. Occupational Therapy. Educational Psychology. Camhs. Sensory Support Team.
- According to the new documentation from Sept 2014. Children with SEND will have a non statutory or statutory Education Health Care Support Plan and work towards specific targets from this plan.
- The setting offers language support groups using 'Nursery Narrative' giving a small group opportunity, where distractions are limited, to further develop children's expressive and receptive language skills.
- Additional learning opportunities are available for children who are allocated Pupil premium funding.
- Small group work for children with social communication difficulties using 'More than Words' strategies.
- Children's Centre Sensory Support Group.
- Use of visual cues and timetables. (Boardmaker software/photographs/objects of reference are used to produce these visuals.)
- Use of Now and Next strategy where appropriate.
- Use of Makaton signs alongside language.

- Implementation of strategies from staff training using the Hannan Approach. Learning Language and loving it.
- Use of Picture Exchange System. PECS where appropriate.

### **How is the curriculum matched to my child's needs?**

- Class teams reflect on children's learning on a daily basis to inform future planning.
- Weekly staff meetings are established to make plans for the coming week, based on children's prior learning, interests and strengths.
- Through monthly whole setting meetings/training.
- These plans for both the inside and outside learning environments take into account children's different learning styles.
- The Early Years Foundation Stage Development Matters is used as a guide to support the planning for all children's learning.

### **How assessable is the setting?**

- The setting has a thorough 'access plan' that outlines the inclusive environment.
- There are three accessible toilets in the setting.
- There are two changing tables suitable for managing 2, 3, & 4 yr old children's personal toileting requirements, changing nappies etc.
- There is a baby changing table in the children's centre.
- A shower unit has been installed and can be used when required.
- Risk assessments are written to assess any level of risk, or concern regarding access or danger, and how this risk can be reduced.
- The setting draws upon the expertise of some staff who are able to converse, or to translate in a variety of languages.
- The Setting receives funding for all children up to 15 hrs per week.
- Additional funding for children with SEND can be applied for through the Early Years SEN panel. The teams work closely with parents/carers as well as other professionals to prepare documentation for this panel.
- An Education Health Care support plan would be established to outline the child's specific strengths, interests and areas of additional need.
- Funding is allocated by a need type and band level using the Bristol Universal Descriptors.
- Specialist equipment is also available to the setting following advice from the Occupational therapy or Physiotherapy teams.

### **What support is available for my child's overall wellbeing?**

- There is a programme of support groups and services offered to the settings reach area families. A timetable for these groups is available at the reception.
- All practitioners are trained in Paediatric First Aid.
- Specific staff have also trained in the administration of medication. (Meeting requirements of the 'Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions' Feb 14)

- Staff teams have also received training on the use of auto injection devices, where children have been identified by a paediatrician that they have severe allergic responses to certain triggers.
- Health Care plans are written in detail to inform the teams of the children's specific needs and requirements.
- The setting has a Special Educational Needs Policy and a Behaviour Policy. Strategies are implemented, based on conflict resolution strategies, to highlight the thoughts and feelings of others and the consequences of actions upon others.

### **How will you support my child to transfer to future settings?**

- During May the setting will make contact with the transfer school that has been allocated for your child.
- A transition meeting will be held and all agencies involved will be invited to attend. Records will be transferred regarding children's SEND, the progress they have made and actions for the coming year. Any particular special arrangements or requirements will be agreed and put into place.
- The child's Key Person/Sendco will accompany the children to visit the transfer school.
- The transfer school may also make additional appointments/visits for you and your child.
- A transfer book will be made with photographs of key people in the transfer school and key places of importance.
- We aim to make the transfer to a new setting as smooth as possible for both the children and their families.