

Policy 1 Special Needs

OTH recognizes that all children have a right to play and that those with special needs may require support in order to participate fully.

A named member of staff will have responsibility for co-ordination of the service offered to a child with special needs and liaise with parents and other agencies.

In order to achieve this we aim to foster an environment where children with disabilities are:

- Seen as children first
- Fully accepted and integrated
- Encouraged and enabled to be as independent as possible
- Respected when care is of a private nature

To meet the individual needs of children with a disability this will involve actively looking at issues surrounding:

- Access
- Activities (planning and adapting them)
- Staffing levels - making sure they are adequate
- Training – strategy sort as required
- Resources and equipment (after consultation with parents)
- Challenging stereotypes and promoting positive attitudes amongst children and staff.

