



SEN Early Years Offer

1. How does Sunnyside know if children need extra help and what should I do if I think my child may have special educational needs?

Through observations and assessments with the children and their Key Person, and through parental information. Sunnyside also shares information with other professionals (GP, Health visitor, Speech therapist.)

If you have any concerns, please speak to a member of staff.

2. How will Sunnyside staff support my child?

Your child's key person and the SENCO will work together with the parents and outside professional agencies, to support your child learning.

3. How will I know how my child is doing?

Through personal learning journals for your child, available to review at any time, we also offer a mutually convenient time to speak privately with your Key Person and the SENCO, to update you with your child's progress and development.

4. How will the learning and development provision be matched to my child's needs?

We will use the observations and assessment to tailor the activities for the child's needs and learning, taking into account your child's interests.

5. What support will there be for my child's overall well-being?

All staff support the children within Sunnyside by using our Key person system, which provides a familiar adult to build a trusting relationship.

6. What specialist services and expertise are available at or accessed by Sunnyside?

We have a dedicated Senco member of staff within Sunnyside, and all staff are trained within Child care and have worked within Early years for a number of years. We can access specialist advice and services as required or requested by the parent, and work with and have a good relationship with the local Children's Centre.

7. What training and/or experience do the staff, supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities, have?

We have a dedicated Senco (Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator) at Sunnyside, and additional training is accessed to support us with specialist areas (Autism etc.) and we attend termly SEN cluster meetings to keep up to date with changes and developments.

8. How will Sunnyside help me to support my child's learning and development?

We have a good working relationship with all of our parents and work together to support the child's development, and the parent can approach us with any specific concerns or worries which we will work together to resolve.

9. How will I be involved in discussions about and planning for my child's learning and development?

By using parent feedback we can tailor activities to progress the child forward and through Key person appointments and termly child observations the parent can feedback and work with us to plan for the following steps.

10. How accessible is the building/environment?

The Sunnyside Hall is accessible to all children and adults, and has excellent disabled facilities and access, including wide accessible doors, flat areas without steps, disabled toilets.

11. How will Sunnyside prepare and support my child with transitions between home, settings and school?

Parents are welcome to stay with their child at Sunnyside while they are settling into their new environment.

We invite nursery and school teachers to visit the children moving on to them the term before the intake. We also use the activities to focus on transition by setting up school in home corner and the children use the school uniforms and bags to become familiar with their next phase of learning and environment.

12. How are Sunnyside's resources used to support children's special educational needs?

All our toys and equipment are suitable for all ages, stages and abilities. We have access to the toy library where we can use additional specialist toys (sensory) when needed.

13. Who can I contact for further information about the early years offer in Sunnyside?

You can contact us at admin@sunnysideplaygroup.org.uk and we will be pleased to help, give advice and answer any further questions.

14. How can I find information about the local authority's local offer of services and provision for children with special educational needs and disability?

For further information go to www.hertsdirect.org/localoffer