

## MISS DELANEY'S

### **Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Equal Opportunities**

Miss Delaney's will implement its policies and procedures to promote equality of opportunity for children in their care, including support for children with special educational needs or disabilities.

## **9.2 Supporting children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**

### **Policy Statement**

Miss Delaney's accepts and welcomes children with special education needs and disabilities. Our Nursery school aims to combine the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice (2014) together with the guidelines for good practice as supplied by staff training organisations.

### **Aims for inclusion**

It is our policy that whenever possible to integrate children with special educational needs and/or disabilities, into our classrooms and to promote the welfare and development of each individual child. Children with SEND are given the same opportunities as every other child within the Nursery and their learning and activities planned to promote their welfare and development. Miss Delaney's provides an environment in which all children, including those with SEND are supported to reach their full potential.

### **Identifying Children with SEND**

Miss Delaney's will use the SEND Code of Practice to identify and assess the special educational needs of the child. Our system of observation and record keeping enables us to monitor children's needs and progress on an individual basis, which is then shared with the parent before any further action is taken.

Children may be identified as having difficulties in one or more of the following four broad areas of need:

1. **Communication and Interaction:** Children with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) have difficulty in communicating with others. This may be because they have difficulty saying what they want to, understanding what is being said to them or they do not understand or use social rules of communication. These needs may change over time.
2. **Cognition and Learning:** Support for learning difficulties may be required when children learn at a slower pace than their peers, even with appropriate differentiation. Learning difficulties cover a wide range of needs including moderate learning difficulties (MLD), severe learning difficulties (SLD) and profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD). Specific learning difficulties (SpLD), such as dyslexia or dyspraxia, affect one or more specific aspects of learning.
3. **Social, emotional and mental health difficulties:** Children may experience a wide range of social and emotional difficulties which manifest themselves in many ways. These may include becoming

\* See end of document for details

withdrawn or isolated, as well as displaying challenging, disruptive or disturbing behaviour. These behaviors can reflect underlying mental health difficulties such as anxiety or depression, attention deficit disorder or an attachment disorder.

4. **Sensory and/or physical needs:** Some children have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of the educational facilities generally provided. This may include vision impairment, hearing impairment or multisensory impairment. Some children with a physical disability require additional ongoing support and equipment to access all the opportunities available to their peers (Code of Practice 6.28-6.35). : Children with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) have difficulty in communicating with others. This may be because they have difficulty saying what they want to, understanding what is being said to them or they do not understand or use social rules of communication. These needs may change over time.

## **A graduated approach to SEND support**

- Where an internal concern is expressed, either by a teacher or parent, then the procedures as stated in the Code of Practice will be followed – a copy of which can be obtained from our SENDCO officer who is appointed to ensure these practices are being met.
- We use a system of planning, implementing, monitoring, evaluating and reviewing Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) to support the learning and development of children with SEND.
- All staff are responsible for the four stages of action (*Assess, Plan, Do, Review*) with the support and guidance of the SENDCO and specialist staff
- Miss Delaney's ensures that parents are informed at all stages of the assessment, planning, provision and review of their children's education.
- We ensure that children with special educational needs are appropriately involved at all stages of the graduated response, taking into account their levels of ability.
- We use a system for keeping records of the assessment, planning, provision and review for children with special educational needs.
- We liaise with other professionals, including external agencies, involved with children with special educational needs and their families, including in connection with transfer arrangements to other settings and schools.
- We provide parents with information on sources of independent advice and support.

### **Complaints procedure**

- We monitor and review our policy, practice and provision every 12 months and make adjustments if necessary
- There is a complaints policy available for parents and carers that can be obtained from the School office

## Further Guidance

- Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations (DfES 2014)
- Issues in Earlier Intervention: Identifying and Supporting Children with Additional Needs (DCSF 2010)
- Early Years Foundation Stage and the Disability Discrimination Act (DCSF 2010)
- The Team Around the Child (TAC) and the Lead Professional: A Guide for Managers (CWDC 2009)
- The Common Assessment Framework for Children and Young People: A Guide for Managers (CWDC 2009)

## Other useful Pre-school Learning Alliance Publications

- The Role of the Early Years Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator SENCO (2006)

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This policy was adopted at a meeting of

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Signed on behalf of Miss Delaney's

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Name of signatory

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**N.B. As fully discussed during staff induction & training; members of staff present:-**

Reviewed by N. Firkin April 2016. To be reviewed April 2017