

Supporting Every Child

Our SEND Offer (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Information for Parents

Welcome

At Abacus Little Learners, we understand that every child is unique, and we celebrate that by ensuring each child feels included, supported, and ready to shine. Here are some of the ways we make this happen:

Positive Relationships

Working in partnership with you

- We know that parents and carers are the most important people in a child's life.
- We listen to your views and experiences; after all, you are your child's first educators.
- We share regular updates on your child's progress and you are always welcome to meet with us to discuss your child's learning and wellbeing.

Understanding each child

- Every child has a key person who builds a strong, trusting relationship with them.
- Our experienced staff carefully observe and get to know your child so that we know their strengths and next steps in their development.

Enabling Environments

Accessibility and inclusion

- Our building and resources are designed to welcome all children and we are proactive in modifying our space where needed to support access needs.
- Activities are adapted so every child can take part in all activities and feel valued.
- We celebrate differences and teach children to respect and support one another.

The Unique Child

How we identify and support additional needs

- If we notice that your child may need extra support with learning, communication, behaviour, or physical development, we will talk to you straight away.
- Together, we plan the next steps to support your child.



Individual additional support for your child

- If extra help is needed, we may create a support plan known as a One Page Profile or a One Plan with small, achievable goals and strategies for achieving these.
- We use a range of strategies within our daily practice such as visual aids, Makaton, Attention Autism (bucket time), sensory play, small-group activities, and high adult to child ratios where helpful.

The SENCo (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-Ordinator) and Deputy SENCo will support your child's key person to implement these strategies and provide further training where needed. They will also apply for additional funding where this is appropriate.

If your child needs assessment for an Education Health Care Plan through the Statutory Assessment process, the SENCo will work together with you, offering you support through this process.

Working with specialists

Sometimes children benefit from extra guidance from outside professionals. With your consent, we can work with:

- Speech and Language Therapists
- Health Visitors
- Educational Psychologists
- Occupational or Physiotherapists

This joined-up approach means your child gets the right support at the right time.

Staff training and expertise

- Our staff receive ongoing training in areas such as speech and language, autism, social and emotional development, and sensory needs.
- As well as support from outside agencies, we also have strong links with our local SEND inclusion team where we can seek additional information and support when needed.

Supporting smooth transitions

- We plan carefully for your child's move into our pre-school and later on to primary school.
- This may include extra visits, transition books, or meetings with new teachers and school SENDCo's

Who to contact

If you would like to know more about how we support children with SEND, please speak to:

Beth Dagge – Special Educational Needs Coordinator
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You can also find out more about services in our area by looking at the Local Authority's Local Offer:
<https://send.essex.gov.uk/>

Together, we can give your child the best possible start.

