St Mary’s Playschool

Local Offer for Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

In accordance with the SEND Code of Practice 2015, St Mary’s Playschool is a fully inclusive setting able to respond to the needs of children with SEND.

We:

* Have a trained and experienced SENCo (special educational needs co-ordinator).
* We are committed to working in partnership with parents in the provision of support for their child.
* Our staff are trained in paediatric first aid and safeguarding.
* We provide suitable and accessible premises with a large outdoor space.
* We offer free early education places for eligible 2,3, and 4 year olds.
* We have experience of supporting children with allergies and trained in the use of Epi pens.
* We have experience of supporting children with ASD.
* We have a positive approach to supporting behaviour.
* We use Makaton and visual supports.
* Have a trained ENCO (Equality Named Coordinator) and have completed the Inclusion Development Programme.
* We work closely with other professionals such as SALT and our Area SENCo.
* Follow the principle of Early Support and actively promote equality of opportunity for children with SEND
* We regularly update our training in Safeguarding and First Aid

We are housed in a large Victorian church building, formerly the village school, and set in a rural location away from any roads. We have four classrooms, a large hall and two playgrounds. Offering fun, educational sessions for children aged 2-5 years, we open term time only offering flexible sessions Monday - Friday. Extended sessions are available on 3 days per week, as is our very popular lunch club.