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The purpose of this document is to enable parents and careers to clearly see what support children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) will receive in our pre-school. You and Me is a fully inclusive setting and we are committed to creating a safe, secure and happy environment for all children.

Once your child is enrolled at You and Me Pre-School and a start date has been agreed, you will be offered the opportunity to visit during a session. We also hold an Induction Evening for all new starters scheduled to join us at the start of the Autumn (September) or Spring (January) Term. During this evening you will have an opportunity to meet all of our staff members.

How does You and Me know if young children need extra help and what our parents/careers should do if they think their child may have SEND?

When your child starts at You and Me, they will be allocated a Key Person who will build a relationship with your child and yourself. Through observing, assessing and planning next steps, the Key Person may identify any concerns which will be shared with you in the first instance. Upon your consent, we may contact other professionals if required.

If you have any concerns about your child, you should initially speak to your child's Key Person. At a later date you may wish to speak with our Manager and Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator, Sarah Drake.

How You and Me supports young children with SEND?

Every child has their own Key Person who will work with your child and you. The Key Person will use all of the information from the Welcome Pack to start your child's Learning Journey. They will help your child settle into pre-school whilst building up a relationship, understanding the needs, care routines and interests of your child.

Any concerns identified during this process are initially raised with our Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator (SENCO) Sarah Drake, who will work closely with your child's Key Person to differentiate resources, activities and experiences, adapting and supporting in order for your child to achieve their potential.

If we believe that additional help is needed, the SENCO will liaise with other professionals (with your consent) such as Speech and Language Therapists, Early Years Advisers, Health Visitors and/or our Area SENCO to gain further advice in supporting you and your child. This process will be monitored, reviewed and evaluated with you and any other professionals on a regular basis.

You and Me is committed to building strong partnerships with parents/careers. We recognises that parents/careers know their children the best and how best to support them. Having this knowledge and shared view with the pre-school on how best to support your child will lead to the best possible outcome in meeting your child's needs.

What support is there for young children's overall wellbeing?

You and Me offers all families the opportunity to visit the pre-school before your child is due to start so they can be accustomed to new surroundings and new people. During this time, you will be able to discuss any concerns you may have about your child's needs.

Promoting positive behaviour is important at You and Me Pre-School. We will always discuss any behaviour concerns with you to maintain a constant approach between home and pre-school.

If English is an additional language for your family, we will work closely with you to ensure that everything is understood.

We are able to administer prescribed medicines once the appropriate forms have been completed. If additional training is required to administer any medication, we are happy to undertake these as necessary.

Our pre-school is staffed by an experienced team of early years assistants, all hold a minimum level 2 qualification and all attend regular training to meet the changing needs and gain further experience.

How accessible is You and Me Pre-School?

You and Me is based in a large single level portacabin, with wide doorways allowing wheelchair access within the grounds of the Church of Our Saviour. Parking is available at the Church and we have our own fenced garden. Toys and equipment is accessible to all and we work closely with parents/careers to access any specialist equipment that may be required.

Safety

The safety of all our children is paramount. Daily checks of the cabin and garden are completed before the start of each day and we regularly undertake and review our risk assessments. All our toys and equipment are checked to ensure they are in good working order. Our Health and Safety Co-Ordinator is Zoey Game.

Risk assessments are completed before any outing, including any short walks around the community or visits to the local schools. A mobile phone and first aid kit are always taken on all outings. All our staff members have completed a safeguarding course and our Pre-School Manager (Donna Chunn) is our Designated Safe-Guarding Lead.

Training and Experience

You and Me Pre-School is not a specialist pre-school but we take pride in offering high quality education and childcare in a supportive, caring and secure environment in which everyone is valued.

Our staff have many years' experience working with Early Years, building up a wealth of experience and knowledge – our Manager alone has over 25+ years' experience working in Early Years settings.

All our staff members regular refresh and receive new training. They have attended Speech, Language and Communication training, Promoting Positive Behaviour training and we continually reflect upon our practice and will attend any training when a particular need is identified.

If your child has Special Educational Needs and you would like to know more about how we could support them, please contact us on:

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