



## **Lilliput Lane Nursery Policies and Procedures:**

### **Policy for the Integration of Children with Special Needs**

Babies and young children with special needs are welcome at Lilliput Lane Nursery. We focus on the child and child's strengths as well as their additional or special needs. We aim to provide an environment in which all children have equal access to care, play and learning. We recognise the personal and emotional investments of parents/carers and consult with them at all stages of our planning. We work with parents/carers and appropriate agencies to provide for a child's special or additional needs as far as reasonably possible. We assess the needs of all children joining Lilliput Lane Nursery.

We discuss a child's needs with parents/carers using the guidance The Special Educational Needs Code of Practice for Scotland.

We recognise that children may have additional needs as opposed to a special need. For example, children who do not yet speak English in an English speaking environment, a withdrawn child, or a child, or a child who may need help to integrate with their peers.

We work with parents and any other relevant parties to plan any special services, equipment or activities a child may need or will benefit from.

We acknowledge and draw on the knowledge and expertise that parents have about their child!. We do not make assumptions about what parents can or cannot do to support their child's learning.

When working with parents or carers we respect the different needs they may have, such as a disability or communication and linguistic barriers.

When a child has been identified as having a particular need we will provide appropriate training for staff if this is needed.