SCOTFORTH AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

SPECIAL NEEDS POLICY

STATEMENT –

We are aware that some children have special needs in terms of their development or level of ability. We will offer appropriate support and take appropriate action in order to ensure that such children are able to make full use of our services and gain the maximum benefit from their experiences. We will safeguard and promote the welfare and development of each child in partnership with their parents and other relevant agencies. We believe that the inclusion of children with special needs is beneficial to all children who attend, promoting their social development and raising their awareness.

AIMS –

◊ To be aware of the individual needs of all children who attend the club.

◊ To meet the individual needs of all children who attend the club.

◊ To accommodate the wishes of parents.

◊ To make our services accessible to all children

◊ To provide an environment in which children with special needs are valued and fully included.

◊ To acknowledge and value the individuality of each child and value diversity within the club.

MEANS –

◊ By gathering accurate information about each child when they are registered and ensuring that this information is kept up to date.
◊ By working in partnership with parents and providing opportunities for parents to express their wishes.
◊ By making contact and working with other agencies on a local, regional and national level.
◊ By ensuring that the club is accessible to all children at all times and that the play environment is appropriate to the needs of all children.
◊ By ensuring that activities are provided which are inclusive and can be enjoyed by all.
◊ By providing staff with appropriate training in relation to special needs issues.
◊ By providing positive images of disability around the club.
◊ By maintaining a reference file of special needs which can be used by staff.
◊ By our SENCO, Emma Flynn being available when needed to advise staff & parents to ensure we deliver the right care & support package in line with EHCP's & Care Plans

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