



AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Jonathan Page Play Centre - SEN Policy

The Jonathan Page Play Centre (JPPC) welcomes all children from the age of 4 up to their 13th birthday. We provide care for up to 65 children; primarily serving families in Aylesbury and surrounding areas. We aim to ensure all sections of our community have access to the service through open, fair and clearly communicated procedures.

At Jonathan Page Play Centre we are committed to welcoming and including children regardless of their special needs / disability. We aim to value and support all children and adults with special needs / disabilities within our setting by giving regard to the Special Education Needs and Disability Code of Practice (2014) and the Equality Act (2010).

Whilst we are unable to offer 1 to 1 care, we will make reasonable adjustments within our setting to ensure all children can take part in play opportunities at a level appropriate to their needs. The buses used for school collection for the After School Club are not suitable for wheelchairs.

We recommend that prior to booking the child into the After School Club and/or Holiday Playscheme the parents/carers contact our designated ***Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO), Rebecca Murphy***, to arrange a visit to the centre together with the child to discuss the child's requirements and to establish if the Jonathan Page Play Centre is the right setting for the child.

We are unable to accept bookings without a prior visit and without having met the child.

Our SENCO will discuss with the parents/carers how we can care for the child and will share the information with the Playworkers who are involved with the child's care.

- We are committed to working in partnership with parents/carers and other agencies and schools/settings so that we can best support and provide for the needs of the child. Parental permissions will be sought.
- We will provide a range of activities and opportunities that are accessible to children with special needs / disabilities.
- We are committed to enhancing the morale of every child; the self-confidence and self-esteem of each child will be developed by all members of the team through a positive attitude, with every opportunity taken to recognise children's successes, however small.
- We recognise and understand the individual needs of every child in our care and will endeavour to support children and parents/carers to the best of our abilities.
- We will challenge any inappropriate attitudes and practices and will encourage children to value and respect each other and their property.

- We will ensure the child's privacy when required.
- Children with special dietary or medical requirements will be made aware to ALL staff members and extra care will be taken during snack times to ensure that the child does not come into contact with allergen reactive food.
- We will make every effort to provide staff with training and resources for the child.
- Confidentiality will be maintained at all times.
- We regularly monitor, evaluate and review the effectiveness of our inclusive practices through staff meetings, observations and training.

If parents/carers would like to arrange for an extra carer to come on site, whilst their child is at the setting, we will be happy to discuss this option. Any cost for DBS checks, which need to be carried out will be passed on to the parent/carers.

Parents/carers will receive a copy of this policy either in hard copy or by email and can also download it from our website

<https://www.aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk/town-council-services/jppc/>

If we identify that we are not the right setting for the child and unable to meet its needs then we will contact the Access and Inclusion team at Bucks County Council for further advice as to where we can best signpost parents to.

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