

## **The Orchard Pre-school Equal Opportunities Policy**

The Orchard Pre-school is particularly proud of its fully inclusive environment. We accept children and families from all sections of the local community. All children are respected as individuals and mainstream children and those with special needs learn together to the obvious benefit of all.

The Orchard prides itself on being totally integrated. Over the years we have enjoyed having a number of children with a variety of special educational needs on roll. The staff are qualified and experienced at supporting children with special educational needs and are able to use specialist strategies to support their learning and development whenever needed.

Importantly we have seen time and time again how children with special needs benefit from the company of other children and vice versa. More often than not children of nursery age of any ability enjoy the same sorts of things such as music and messy play, although special needs children might just need that extra support. We pride ourselves in creating an environment in which all children, regardless of background and ability, can flourish together and are supported to reach their full potential.

The Orchard aims to make its equal opportunities policy known to all parents and would be delighted to address any queries or concerns you may have about the care of children with special educational needs.

*Please direct any queries to our  
Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, Rose Walker.*