

The role of Early Years Practitioners *

The practitioners should:

- Support children with SEND, this is the responsibility of **every** practitioner
- Have high aspirations for every child
- Ensure they understand the policies of the setting relating to identification and supporting children with emerging needs and SEND
- Have a good knowledge of child development which is reflected in observations and assessment, identifying those children who have emerging needs
- Ensure that the prime areas underpin practice, this is particularly important where children are in early stages of development
- Identify appropriate next steps for children with emerging needs and SEND that effectively support children to progress through small steps
- In collaboration with Setting SENCo implement the graduated approach of assess, plan, do and review when there are emerging needs and SEND
- Work with the SENCo to support the development and use of strategies and skills relevant to support children with SEND

**Practitioners refers to all staff working with children including room leader, key persons.*

Reflecting on Practice

Are you building a repertoire of strategies to support children with SEND?
These are the skills that will benefit all children but are essential for those with SEND.

Are you empowering all children to develop skills of increasing independence and choice?

Are you effective at capturing observations?

Are you confident in effectively identifying emerging needs and SEND?

Do you feel confident in making professional judgements relating to a child's development, and ensure that this take precedence over data generated by online assessment tools?

Do you use your knowledge of individual children and child development to identify appropriate next steps?

Do you need any CPD to support you in assessment and or identifying and supporting children with SEND?

How are relief staff supported to meet the needs of children with emerging needs or SEND?

Do you need to discuss anything relating to SEND in supervisions?

Do you prioritise prime areas?