



SEND Local Offer

Hillside Playcare is set within the village hall of the rural village of Terling. The setting is surrounded by beautiful woodland and has its own private nursery room and garden within the village hall premises. The staff are a team of experienced and dedicated practitioners lead by a Nursery Manager who has a degree in primary education and taught in the primary classroom for many years.

Hillside Playcare is a fully inclusive setting that meets the needs of all children including those with SEND. The building is easily accessible for all users and the toilet and changing facilities cater for children and adults with disabilities. The setting car park is situated directly outside the building and vehicles are able to pull up alongside the entrance of the building if necessary. Staff use Makaton signs during regrouping sessions and signs are displayed around the setting.

All staff have current paediatric first aid training and senior staff have completed level 2 face to face safeguarding training. The Nursery Manager is the Designated Safeguarding Officer and the Nursery Deputy the Designated Safeguarding Deputy. Staff have a wealth of training and experience including SEND, Promoting positive Behaviour, Speech and Language and First Aid. Staff work together, sharing experiences and offering each other support and advice to ensure they provide the best support for children with SEND.

Hillside Playcare employs a SENCo who supports children with additional needs. She, with the Nursery Manager has had experience with dealing with children and adults with different needs. Together the Nursery Manager and SENCo have devised a process to ensure all children's needs are met and where additional support is required then this support is allocated according to the need of the child. The team ensure that there is constant dialogue between the setting and parents/carers with a 'Steps to Success' target sheet devised to set achievable small steps for children to work towards with support from the setting and parents/carers.

Further information about the support we provide at our setting can be found on our website www.hillsideplaycare.co.uk.