

Early Years High Needs SEND Base Provision

5 Minute Facts

What is it?

Where possible it is important that all children are included in their local nursery of choice. However, sometimes children with a high level of SEND require a more specialist environment and an additional level of care.

A high needs base is a supplementary room within a mainstream nursery which is designed to fully meet the needs of children who otherwise would find it difficult to access nursery provision. Each base contains a high adult: child ratio, specialist staff who are enthusiastic about breaking down barriers to learning and an environment which is designed around need.

The physical proximity of the HN Bases in relation to their mainstream nurseries ensures that children can be included indoors and outdoors in a positive and fluid manner, taking account of the needs of all pupils.

Who are the bases for?

Children who attend the high needs bases are 2, 3, and 4, some are part time whilst others attend full time depending on their level of free provision.

The children all have a high level of Special Educational Needs/Disabilities (SEND). These needs might present themselves as; Social mental and emotional, communication and interaction, social communication, physical and sensory, cognition and learning or a combination of these.

Some of the bases have specialisms such as; Thomasson Memorial School Nursery caters for children who have a Hearing Impairment as their primary care need, the environment at Children's Opportunity Group (C.O.G) lends itself to children with Autism and The Orchards

Nursery offers space and equipment suitable for those who require a high level of moving and handling.

How many Early Years High Needs Bases are in Bolton and where are they?

There are five High Needs Bases in Bolton:

- Alexandra Nursery School
- Children's Opportunity Group (C.O.G)
- Grosvenor Nursery School
- The Orchards Nursery School
- Thomasson Memorial School Nursery

How might I access this for my child?

If it has been established that your child has a high level of SEND, and that they are unlikely to cope in a mainstream nursery with support, their key professional can complete an Early Help Assessment. You will be required to contribute to this and then asked to read and sign it.

High Needs Base Application

A panel of professionals meet every term to assess the High Needs Base applications and if your child meets the criteria they will try to accommodate him/her in the HNB you have selected.

For more information...

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