



## **DEBS OUT OF SCHOOL CLUBS**

### **SPECIAL NEEDS PROCEDURE**

What is Special Needs?

There are many definitions of special needs which are appropriate for different purposes. Many children may be assessed as having a special need at some time in their school life. The assessment for the majority of children is temporary and may only appear to their behavioural and educational needs within a school setting. Children who need extra support in the classroom may have no special need within the play setting. Some children however may require specialist treatment, facilities or care due to any disabilities while in the out of school club that is beyond the usual provision of most children.

#### **Statement of Intent**

The out of school club aims to provide a welcoming environment for all children, parents and staff. They will be treated with dignity and respect. Our club supports integration and the treatment of all children and adults as individuals.

- Where possible the club will aim to provide adaptations to the facilities and environment in order to cater for individual special needs
- Play opportunities will be provided which are accessible to all children regardless of need
- Where appropriate children's progress will be monitored and recorded in consultation with parents and carers
- Staff will receive appropriate special needs training as required
- Full co-operation will be given to the outside agencies in order to meet specific needs of the child
- The club will consult with children and parents as appropriate with regards to individual special needs
- Strategies such as positive behaviour management will be implemented to assist children with emotional and behavioural difficulties
- The club will promote anti - discriminatory practices and images and encourage a positive atmosphere for all.