

EQUIPMENT AND RESOURCES POLICY

Aim

We aim to provide children with resources and equipment which help to consolidate and extend their knowledge, skills, interest and aptitudes.

Methods

We believe that high quality care and education is promoted by providing children with safe, clean attractive, age and stage appropriate resources, toy and equipment. To achieve this we will:

1. Provided play equipment and resources which are safe and where applicable conform to the BSEN safety standards of Toys (Safety) Regulation (1995).
2. Provide a sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children.
3. Provide resources which promote all areas of children's learning and development, which may be child - or adult - led.
4. Select books, equipment and resources which promote positive images of people of all races, cultures and abilities, are non-discriminatory and avoid racial and gender stereotyping.
5. Provide play equipment and resources which provide continuity and progression, provide a sufficient challenge and meet the needs and interests of all children.
6. Provide made, natural and recycled materials which are clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use.
7. Provide furniture which is suitable for children and furniture which is suitable for adults.
8. Store and display resources and equipment where children can independently choose and select them.
9. Check all resources and equipment regularly as they are set out at the beginning of each session and put away at the end. Repair and clean, or replace any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment.
10. Provide adequate insurance cover for the Pre-School resources and equipment.
11. Plan the provision of activities and appropriate resources so that a balance of familiar equipment, resources and new challenges is offered.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of the pre-school held on (date).....

Signed on behalf of the pre-school.....