

Equipment and Resources

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Policy statement

We believe that high quality care and education is promoted by providing children with safe, clean, attractive, age and stage appropriate resources, toys and equipment. We aim to provide children with resources and equipment which help to consolidate and extend their knowledge, skills, interests, and aptitudes.

Procedures

- We provide play equipment and resources which are safe and where applicable conform to the BSEN safety standards or Toys (Safety) Regulation (1995);
- We provide a sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children in session;
- We provide resources that promote all areas of children's learning and development, which may be child led or adult led;
- We select books, equipment and resources which promote positive images of people of all colours, cultures and abilities, are non-discriminatory and avoid racial and gender stereotyping;
- We provide play equipment and resources which promote continuity and progression, provide sufficient challenge and meet the needs and interests of all children;
- We provide made, natural and recycled materials which are clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use;
- We provide furniture which is suitable for children and furniture which is suitable for adults;
- We store and display a selection of suitable resources and equipment where children can independently choose and select them;

- We check all resources and equipment regularly. We repair and clean, or replace any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment;
- We use our ongoing cohort assessment data to identify if the resources available to the children and the environment is balanced and if children are able to access the full curriculum – where necessary changes to the provision are made.
- The provision both indoors/outdoors are reviewed by the managing team annually as part of the SEF (self-evaluation) process and the wider staff team are also given the opportunity to reflect and contribute to discussion about possible changes that will have a positive impact for their individual key children.
- We provide adequate insurance cover for the pre-school's resources and equipment.
- We plan the provision of appropriate resources so that a balance of familiar equipment and resources and new exciting challenges are offered.

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