

# EQUIPMENT AND RESOURCES POLICY

## *Statement of intent*

We believe that high quality early years care and education are promoted by providing children with safe, clean, attractive, developmentally appropriate resources, toys and equipment.

## *Aim*

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

## *Methods*

In order to achieve this aim we:

- provide play equipment and resources that are safe and - where applicable – conform to the BSEN safety standards or Toys (Safety) Regulation (1995);
- provide a sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children;
- provide resources that promote all areas of children's learning and development, which may be child or adult led;
- select books, equipment and resources that promote positive images of people of all colours, cultures and abilities, are non-discriminatory and avoid racial and gender stereotyping;
- provide play equipment and resources that promote continuity and progression, provide sufficient challenges and meet the needs and interests of all children;
- provide made, natural and recycled materials that are clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use;
- provide furniture that is suitable for children and furniture that is suitable for adults;
- store and display resources and equipment where children can independently choose and select them;
- regularly check all resources and equipment that are available. We repair and clean, or replace, any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment;
- use the local library and toy library to introduce new books and a variety of resources to support children's interests; and
- plan the provision of activities and appropriate resources so that a balance of familiar equipment and resources and new exciting challenges are offered.

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See also English as an Additional Language policy and Equality, Inclusion and Diversity policy. And Health & Safety Policy.