



Equipment & Resources Policy

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Policy statement

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. We will ensure that all indoor and outdoor spaces are fit for purpose. Spaces, furniture, equipment, and toys will be safe for the children to use and the premises secure.

Aim

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

Procedures

- We provide play equipment and resources that are safe and, where applicable, conform to the BSEN safety standards or Toys (Safety) Regulations (1995).
- We risk assess all our resources purchased or donated and manage risks accordingly.
- We provide enough equipment and resources for the number of children.
- We provide resources that promote all areas of children's learning and development, which may be child or adult-led.
- We select books, equipment and resources that promote positive images of people of all races, cultures, and abilities, are non-discriminatory and avoid racial and gender stereotyping.
- We provide play equipment and resources that promote continuity and progression, provide sufficient challenge, and meet the needs and interests of all children.
- We follow the children's interests and make our equipment as accessible as possible.
- We provide manufactured, natural, and recycled materials that are clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use.
- We provide furniture that is suitable for children and furniture that is suitable for adults.
- We store and display resources and equipment where children can independently choose and select them.
- We regularly check all resources and equipment as they are set out at the beginning of each session and put away at the end of each session. We repair and clean, or replace any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment.
- We encourage children to respect the equipment and resources and tidy these away when play has finished. 'Choose it, use it, tidy it away'.
- We evaluate the effectiveness of the resources including the children's opinions and interests.
- We clean our resources after they have been used.
- We keep an inventory of resources and equipment.
- We use the inventory to provide adequate insurance cover for our resources and equipment.
- We plan the provision of activities and appropriate resources so that a balance of familiar equipment and resources and new exciting challenges is offered.
- Electrical equipment within the setting is PAT tested on a yearly basis.

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Signed on behalf of Hanslope Pre-school

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Chairperson on 23rd September 2023