

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 a sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children which promote all areas of children's learning and development whether 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 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 also adults sized chairs and desks;
- store and display most resources and equipment where children can independently choose and select them;
- regularly check all resources and equipment that are available at each session and ensure they are put away at the end of each session. We repair and clean, or replace any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment;
- keep an inventory of resources and equipment and have adequate insurance cover for them;
- use the local library and Treasure Chest scheme to introduce new books and a variety of resources to support the 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 is offered.

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