



## Equipment and Resources Policy

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### Statement of intent

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.

### Aim

We aim to provide children with resources and equipment which support the delivery of our early years' curriculum, through extending their knowledge, skills, interests and aptitudes.

### Methods

In order to achieve this aim:

- Provide play equipment and resources which are safe and, where applicable, conform to the European Standards for Playground Equipment: EN 1176 and EN 1177, BS EN safety standards or Toys (Safety) Regulation (1995)
- We provide a sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children
- We aim to involve the children in decision making about new resources and equipment where it is possible.
- Provide resources to meet children's individual needs and interests and offer sufficient challenges.
- We provide resources which promote all areas of children's learning development, which may be child or adult led,
- We select books, equipment and resources which promote positive images of people of all races, cultures abilities, are non-discriminatory and avoid racial and gender stereotyping
- We encourage the children to be respectful of the settings resources and equipment. This is role modelled through our staff.
- 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 natural made 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 adults.
- We store and display resources and equipment where children can independently choose and select them





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- We check all resources and equipment regularly 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 provide adequate insurance cover for the nursery resources and equipment.
- We use the local library as a source to introduce new books to the children.
- We plan the provision of activities and appropriate resources so that a balance of familiar equipment, resources and new exciting challenges are offered.
- EYPP funding as well as other appropriate funding is used to support the individual needs of children through the purchase of appropriate resources and equipment.

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