

# **Equipment and resources policy**

## **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 help to consolidate and extend their knowledge, skills, interests and aptitudes.

## **Methods**

*In order to achieve this aim:*

- 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;
- We provide resources which promote all areas of children's learning and development, which may be child- or adult-led;
- we select books, equipment and resources which 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 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 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;
- Regular checks are made of the suitability and amount of equipment we have to ensure popular toys are not an object of frustration if there is not enough for everyone.

- we provide adequate insurance cover for the nursery's resources and equipment;
- We use the local library to introduce new books and a variety of resources to support children's interests;
- We plan the provision of activities and appropriate resources so that a balance of familiar equipment and resources and new exciting challenges is offered.

**Signed:.....Manager/Owner**

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