

# **Equipment and Resources Policy**

## **Statement of intent:**

We (The Management) 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 that help to consolidate and extend their knowledge, skills, interests and aptitudes.

## **Methods:**

In order to achieve this aim:

1. We provide play equipment and resources which are safe and - where applicable - conform to the **BSEN safety standards for Toys (Safety) Regulations (2014)**
2. We provide a sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children
3. We provide resources which promote all areas of children's learning and development, which may be child- or adult-led
4. 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
5. We provide play equipment and resources which promote continuity and progression, offer sufficient challenge and meet the needs and interests of individual children
6. We provide made, natural and recycled materials which are clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use
7. We provide furniture which is of a suitable size for children
8. We store and display some of our resources and equipment where children can independently choose and select them
9. 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
10. We provide adequate insurance cover for the pre-school's resources and equipment
11. We 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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