



Equipment and Resources Policy

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.

We aim to provide children with resources and equipment that help to consolidate and extend their knowledge, skills, interests and aptitudes. In order to achieve this aim we:

- ⇒ Provide play equipment and resources that are safe.
- ⇒ Provide sufficient amounts of equipment and resources for the number of children being cared for ensuring equality of access
- ⇒ Provide resources that promote all areas of children's learning and development, which may be child or adult, led.
- ⇒ Select books, equipment, and resources that promote positive images that depict and celebrate diversity including protected characteristics
- ⇒ Provide play equipment and resources that promote continuity and progression, provide sufficient challenge and meet the needs and interests of all children.
- ⇒ 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 adults to spend time and learn together
- ⇒ Store and display resources and equipment where children can independently choose and select them.
- ⇒ 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 keep an inventory of resources and equipment. This is to ensure all 7 areas of development are covered inside the setting and in the outside play area.

We use the inventory to:

- ⇒ Review the balance of resources and equipment so that they can support a range of experiences across all areas of play, learning, and development
- ⇒ Record the dates and results of checking the resources and equipment.
- ⇒ Provide adequate insurance cover for the Nursery's resources and equipment.
- ⇒ Use the local library to introduce new books to support children's interests.
- ⇒ Plan for the provision of activities and appropriate resources so that a balance of familiar equipment and resources and new exciting challenges is offered.

The date for review:

Signed on behalf of the nursery by:

Date: