

## **Maintenance and Replacement of Play Equipment**

We are committed to providing children with access to a wide range of equipment that stimulates enjoyment, learning and development both indoors and outdoors.

All furniture toys and equipment are kept clean, well maintained and in good repair and in accordance with BS EN safety standards or the Toys (Safety) Regulations (1995) where applicable.

Equipment will be properly maintained and inspected in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. All equipment and resources will be selected with care. Through daily risk assessment checks all defective or broken equipment will be taken out of use and stored in a safe place before being disposed of.

We are mindful of the need to ensure that all equipment being used within the After School is fit for purpose. To ensure that this is the case the room leader in each room is responsible for undertaking a regular assessment of all equipment used by the children. This assessment will check for any deterioration of the equipment and the following actions are taken:

- Where the deterioration is limited the equipment may continue in use, so long as this is safe, and will be a focus for regular ongoing reassessment.
- Where the deterioration is resulting in the equipment being of less value to the child's play – such as having missing pieces, it will be noted for replacement as soon as possible.
- Where the deterioration identified creates a possible Health and Safety risk it should be removed from use immediately and be identified for repair or disposal. No further use of the equipment should occur until repairs have been undertaken. Where repairs are required to large equipment these repairs will be notified to the building supervisor who will be responsible for organising for the repairs to be carried out.

Staff and children are encouraged to ensure that all equipment/resources are used only for the purpose for which they were intended. This will reduce the likelihood of damage occurring and prolong the useable life of the equipment.