



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 learning, knowledge, skills, interests and aptitudes.

Methods

In order to achieve this aim:

- we provide play equipment and resources which are safe
- we provide sufficient 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 store and display resources and equipment where children can independently choose and select them
- we check all resources and equipment regularly as they are set out at the beginning of each day and put away at the end of each day. We replace unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment
- we use an inventory to review the balance of resources and equipment so that they can support a range of activities across all areas of play, learning and development
- we use the 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 / resources and new exciting challenges are offered

The vast majority of our equipment and resources are purchased through the school's LMS budget. We also fundraise and ask parents for a small weekly donation to enable us to purchase additional resources and replace any that are worn or broken.



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