



## Resources and Equipment Policy

The resources that children have access to shape the nature of their play and learning experiences. High quality resources and equipment provide the children with a rich and safe environment in which they can experiment with role play, gross and fine motor skills and social development. This is crucial in the early stages of their lives.

### What we aim to do

We aim to provide children with resources and equipment, which help to consolidate and extend their knowledge, skills, interests and aptitudes.

### How we will achieve this

- We provide play equipment and resources which are safe and – where applicable – conform to BS EN 71 safety standards or Toys (Safety) Regulation (2011).
- 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 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 interest of all children.
- 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 select them and risk assess their positions in the room.
- We check resources and equipment 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 provide adequate insurance cover for the nursery’s resources and equipment.
- We plan the provision of activities and appropriate resources so that a balance of familiar equipment and resources and new challenges are offered.
- A risk assessment of equipment is available in the nursery.

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