

## **Equipment and Resources**

We believe that high-quality care and early learning is promoted by providing children with safe, clean, attractive, age and stage appropriate resources, toys and equipment.

To ensure this occurs within the nursery we will:

- Provide play equipment and resources which are safe, and where applicable, conform to the BS EN71 Safety of Toys (Safety) Regulation (2011) and carry the CE mark.
- Provide sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children registered in the nursery
- Provide resources to meet children’s individual needs
- Provide resources which promote all areas of children's learning and development and are wherever possible, open ended
- Select books, equipment and resources which promote positive images of people of all races, cultures, ages, gender and abilities, are non-discriminatory and stereotyping
- Provide play equipment and resources which promote continuity and progression, provide sufficient challenges and meet the needs and interests of all children
- Store and display resources and equipment where all 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 whenever required
- Keep an inventory of resources and equipment. This records the date on which each item was purchased and the price paid for it
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the resources including the children’s opinions and interests
- Encourage children to respect the equipment and resources and tidy these away when play has finished
- Equipment and resources brought in by parents etc will be fully risk assessed and cleaner prior to use

Internal use only

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