

## Our Lady's Catholic Primary School



We aspire that through the love of Jesus everyone should  
"have life and have it to the full."  
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# EQUIPMENT AND RESOURCES POLICY

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## **Equipment and Resources**

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### **1. SAFETY**

- 1.1 The nursery is equipped with a variety of materials and resources that are suitable for the ages and stages of the children within our care.
- 1.2 The children are supervised at all times during the nursery day, and particular close attention is paid when the children are using resources with small parts.
- 1.3 Resources and materials are checked regularly to ensure there are no broken parts that could cause harm or injury.
- 1.4 Battery operated toys are checked regularly to ensure the battery seal is functioning correctly. Replacement batteries are kept in a locked cupboard away from the main rooms, button batteries are not permitted on site.

### **2. Equal Opportunities**

- 2.1 Staff check all books, posters and resources regularly to ensure that they do not contain any material which may be deemed sexist, racist, and homophobic or materials that contain stereotypical representations of gender, cultures, religions etc.
- 2.2 Books, posters and resources are carefully selected to represent a wide range of families, religions, cultures, ethnicities and abilities.
- 2.3 We take pride in ensuring that the play materials and resources promote equality and encourage discussion about the world around us.

### **3. Risk Assessments**

- 4.1 All resources and materials are assessed for potential hazards by staff members, however we do encourage the children to learn how to take appropriate risks during their play.
- 4.2 If a potential hazard is noted, it should be reported to the person in charge immediately.
- 4.3 Risk Assessments are designed to explore all hazards and risks but also take into consideration the benefits of that particular item or area of the nursery.

### **4. Recyclable Materials**

- 5.1 The nursery understands the importance of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, and as such, wherever possible, recyclable materials are used for open-ended play and craft activities.
- 5.2 Where it is not possible for these materials to be used by the children, they will be recycled in accordance with Local Authority policy.

## **5. Natural Materials**

- 5.1 The nursery offers children a wealth of natural and everyday resources and equipment to investigate, explore and use as they wish. As these items do not carry British Standard Kite Marks, they are carefully risk assessed and the children's use of them is closely supervised.
- 5.2 Staff are vigilant in regards to the deterioration of resources, particularly natural materials which can become unsafe, their suitability is reassessed on an ongoing basis.

## **6. Donated Items**

- 6.1 The nursery requests that families or staff members that wish to donate items to the nursery, have first discussed this with the nursery manager. We are always grateful for the generosity and understand that all donations are well intentioned, however, some items may not be suitable for the nursery and will be, politely, declined.