



## Equipment and Resources Policy

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 European Standards for Playground Equipment: EN 1176 and EN 1177, BS EN safety standards or Toys (Safety) Regulation (1995)
- 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
- Select books, equipment and resources which promote positive images of people of all races, cultures, ages, gender and abilities, are non-discriminatory and non-stereotypical
- Provide play equipment and resources which promote continuity and progression, provide sufficient challenge 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
- 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. This is into a designated place via the use of silhouettes or pictures the children can match the resource dependant on the age of the children.
- All soft furnishings will be fire retardant and meet the fire safety standards

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<b>Signed on behalf of the nursery</b>	
<b>Signed by Nursery owner</b>	
<b>Date for review</b>	September 2026