

BEETLEY & DISTRICT PRESCHOOL

Registered as a Charity Number 1181636

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 knowledge, skills, interests and aptitudes.

Methods

In order to achieve this aim:

- We provide play equipment and resources which are safe and, where applicable, conform to the BSEN 71 safety standards or Toys (Safety) Regulation (2011; and the revised European directive 18 June 2009 on the safety of toys.
- 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, 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 man made, natural and recycled materials which are clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use.
- Where we make our own resources (i.e. playdough), we ensure that we take account of any persons individual allergies and use resources that are suitable for all.
- We provide furniture which is suitable for children.
- We 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 remove any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment.
- Any toys or equipment that may have been put in a child's mouth are put in the dishwasher or cleaned appropriately.
- Following our Covid risk assessment, all toys are cleaned using an anti-bacterial cleaner at the end of each session or are put away (quarantined) for up to 72 hours before being reused. A record of which toys have been used each day is displayed on the wall in the playroom to ensure that they remain unused for the 72 hours.
- We keep an inventory of resources and equipment. This will record the date on which each item was purchased and the price paid for it.
- We use the 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 provide adequate insurance cover for the Preschool's resources and equipment.
- We use the local library to introduce new books to support children's interests, and current themes.
- We plan the provision of activities and appropriate resources so that a balance of familiar equipment and resources and new exciting challenges are offered.

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Signed:

Chairperson

Manager

Date:

Date for next Review: