Beetley and District Preschool

Registered Charity: 1181636

Equipment and Resources

Statement of Intent

At Beetley & District Preschool, we provide children with safe, clean, attractive and age- and stage-appropriate resources, toys and equipment.

We recognise that high-quality resources support children's learning, development, interests and independence. We aim to provide a varied range of resources that encourages children to explore, investigate, create and develop their skills.

Providing Resources and Equipment

We aim to provide:

- sufficient resources and equipment for the number of children attending
- resources that support all areas of children's learning and development and can be used for both child-led and adult-led experiences
- equipment and resources that provide appropriate challenge and reflect children's interests, abilities and stages of development
- a balance of familiar resources and new experiences that encourage children to explore and develop their skills
- natural, manufactured and recycled materials that are clean, in good condition and suitable for children to use
- furniture and equipment that is suitable for children's use

Resources and equipment will be selected and used in a way that supports equality, diversity and inclusion. We aim to provide books, toys and other resources that represent a diverse range of people, families, cultures and abilities positively and avoid discriminatory or stereotypical representations.

Where appropriate, resources and activities will be adapted to enable individual children to participate fully.

Further information can be found in our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and Supporting Children with SEND policies.

Safety, Cleaning and Maintenance

We ensure that resources and equipment are suitable for their intended use and meet relevant safety requirements.

Resources and equipment are checked regularly, including when they are put out and packed away. Any item that is damaged, unsafe or excessively worn is removed from use until it can be safely repaired or disposed of.

Resources are cleaned regularly and whenever necessary, including when they have become soiled or have been mouthed by a child.

Where we make our own resources, such as playdough, we consider children's individual allergies and ensure that ingredients and materials used are suitable for the children who may access them.

Inventory and Insurance

We maintain an inventory of the Preschool's resources and equipment for insurance and management purposes. The inventory records relevant information about items, including their purchase date and cost, and is kept up to date as new resources and equipment are purchased or existing items are disposed of.

The inventory is also used to help us review the range and balance of resources available and identify where additional or replacement equipment may be needed.

We maintain appropriate insurance cover for the Preschool's resources and equipment.

Supporting Children's Learning

We regularly review the resources available to ensure that they continue to reflect children's interests and support their learning and development.

We use the local library where appropriate to introduce children to new books linked to their interests and current themes.

Resources are selected and activities planned to provide a balance of familiar equipment and new or exciting challenges, allowing children to build on what they already know while developing new skills and interests.

Related Policies

- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- Supporting Children with SEND
- Health and Safety
- First Aid

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually, or sooner where changes to legislation, guidance or Preschool practice make this necessary.

- **Policy reviewed on:** 30th July 2026
- **Next review due:** 30th July 2027
- **Reviewed by:** Hollie Durrant and Julie East

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