

## Selecting Equipment/Toys – Policy and Practice

**Statement of Intent:** We believe that high quality early years care and education are promoted by providing children with safe, clean, attractive, developmentally appropriate resources, toys and equipment.

**Aim:** To provide children with resources and equipment that help to consolidate and extend their knowledge, skills, interests and aptitudes.

### **Methods:**

- We will provide play equipment and resources that are safe and, where applicable, conform to the BSEN safety standards or Toy (Safety) Regulations 1995.
- We will only accept second hand toys providing they conform to the BSEN safety standards or where they have been checked by the staff are being in a fit state to withstand many children play.
- We will provide sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children.
- We will provide resources that promote all areas of children's learning and development which may be child or adult led.
- We will select books, equipment and resources that promote positive images of people of all colours, cultures and abilities, and ensure that they are non-discriminatory and avoid racial and gender stereotyping.
- We will provide play equipment and resources that promote continuity and progression, provide sufficient challenge and meet the needs and interest of all children.
- We will provide made, natural and recycled materials that are clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use.
- We will provide furniture that is suitable for children and furniture that is suitable for adults where appropriate.

- We will store and display resources and equipment where children can independently choose and select them in areas where we are able.
- We will regularly check all resources and equipment that are available each session and ensure they are put away at the end of each session. We will repair and clean, or replace, any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment.
- We keep an inventory of resources and equipment. This will record the date on which each item was purchased, the price paid for it and the date and reason for any item which is discarded due to being worn out, damaged or unsafe. We will keep this book away from the setting in case of fire on the premises.
- We will provide adequate insurance to cover our resources and equipment.
- We will plan the provision of activities and appropriate resources so that a balance of familiar equipment (continuous provision) and new exciting challenges is offered.

**This policy was adopted at a meeting of Wilsden Pre-school held on.....**

**Signed on behalf of Wilsden Pre-school.....**