

Toys and Equipment Policy

The Pre-school will aim to provide equipment, furniture and toys which are appropriate for their purpose and help to create an accessible and stimulating environment.

The Pre-school will ensure that:

- The equipment is appropriate for the ages and developmental stages of the children.
- Offers challenges to develop physical, social, personal and intellectual skills.
- Features positive images of people, both male and female, from a range of special needs, ethnic and cultural groups.
- Includes a range of raw materials which when used in a variety of ways encourages an open-ended approach to creativity and problem solving.
- Enables children, with adult support to develop individual potential towards the required EYFS development matters points.
- Conforms to all relevant safety regulations and is checked before and after use. Ongoing health and safety checks are carried out by Pre-school's Health and Safety Officer.
- That there are sufficient numbers of child sized chairs and tables to allow groups of children to play and eat together.
- Any safety issues raised by staff or Pre-school's Health and Safety Officer will be reported to the Supervisor and/or Chairperson for action.
- An inventory of toys, equipment and books is undertaken each year during the summer holidays.
- **During this time access will be provided to a small selection of resources set out, varied and adapted to suit needs.**
- **All toys and equipment will be cleaned after use and each session**
- **A set of resources will be made available in pots/trays and kept separate to minimise sharing/contamination**
- **Small objects that cannot be easily cleaned will be removed from the learning environment**