

Play equipment and resources policy and procedure

(This policy supports the operational plan and equality and inclusion policy. It should be read in conjunction with the written risk assessment and equality and inclusion policy.)

It is the policy of Wenvoe Playgroup CIO to arrange the premises and use resources and equipment so that the needs of children in our care are met, and they are provided with opportunities to develop their skills and learn through play; and activities that support their natural curiosity and encourage independence in a safe environment.

We do this by:

- Arranging rooms and spaces to facilitate ease of movement between them for staff and children, (including toileting and kitchen facilities), and help children feel secure and confident.
- Decorating/structuring areas to stimulate and calm as appropriate.
- Obtaining and arranging furniture that is child size where appropriate, enabling children to achieve their own levels of independence.
- Arranging equipment indoors and outside that is accessible to children who can select their own resources.
- Offering opportunities to children for access to outdoor play and experience (weather permitting).
- Maintaining and implementing an effective written risk assessment of premises and activities.
- Providing display areas that:
 - Stimulates and promotes the children's current interests and ideas.

The equipment and resources

We do this by:

- Obtaining equipment and resources that are of good quality and appropriate to the ages and stages of development of children.
- Ensuring that furniture, equipment and resources conform to BS EN safety standards or relevant Toys (Safety) Regulations where applicable.
- Providing sufficient equipment and resources to offer a range for children's full participation, meeting their needs as individuals and as part of a group.
- Involving parents/carers and children in the selection of resources to be obtained.

- Offering opportunities for each child to develop their physical, social, personal, emotional and intellectual skills at their own pace.
- Offering opportunities that stimulate natural curiosity and risk taking within a safe environment.
- Offering a range of opportunities that encourage children to be aspirational, to contribute their view, to develop their potential and grow towards independence.
- Providing a range of equipment that reflects the local and wider community, in line with Wenvoe Playgroup CIO's equality and inclusion policy.
- Maintaining and implementing an effective written risk assessment of activities.

Cleanliness of Play Equipment

Documents are kept to record the cleanliness of equipment, using tick boxes to highlight the method of cleaning.

Dressing up, dolls blankets and equipment are washed each half term or more often as is necessary. Some toys and equipment are alternated to allow cleaning.

Equipment is checked for damage on a regular basis and thrown away if necessary.

This **play equipment and resources** policy and procedure was passed for use in Wenvoe Playgroup CIO

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