



Clutton Playgroup

Computers at Clutton Playgroup Policy

The Committee and staff at playgroup have considered providing computers for the children to use. We could afford the computers and programmes. After much thought and discussion it has been decided that this type of play is not appropriate in our playgroup setting for the following reasons: -

- Each child would play alone at the computer supported by an adult. This would not be the best use of our most valuable resource – the adult!
- Children would not be interacting with other children, one of the most important reasons for attending playgroup sessions.
- The minimum realistic time a child could spend on the computer is ten minutes which means that only nine children would have a chance to play at each session.
- The most able children (with computers) i.e. the ones with computers at home, do not need extra time on the computer during the playgroup sessions.
- Some children would wait and watch the child playing on the computer, both before and after their turn. This is a waste of playing time.

Although accepting that many early years computer games are both educational and interesting for children and can improve fine motor skills and coordination we believe that time at the Cabin can be better spent playing with friends and at the activities provided at each session.

This policy was reviewed and adopted at the Committee meeting held on

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Signed Chair of Clutton Playgroup