

# Clutton Playgroup

## Expressive Arts and Design Policy



### Aims:

At The Cabin, we believe that children express themselves in different ways and our role as adults is to facilitate their learning by planning activities around preferred interests and learning styles, and to incorporate activities that showcase the diverse range of racial, cultural, linguistic and religious backgrounds. We observe children closely and take photographs to document their learning. We believe the expressive arts are a vehicle for learning. Children are encouraged to express themselves in many ways verbal and non-verbal. At The Cabin, the process of learning is valued as much as the final product.

The sessions are organised to give children time for sustained self chosen activity. Practitioners are available to support their thinking and value their ideas. There are also adult initiated activities where practitioners model skills and knowledge and encourage children to adapt the techniques in their own work.

Throughout all the activities children's own ideas are valued and incorporated. Children are encouraged to evaluate their own work saying what it is that they like and suggesting ways that they could make their work even better. The sessions facilitate the children to work in different sized groups and alone. They are given opportunities to work on large and small scales, on different surfaces such as tables, the floor and at easels, indoors and outside.

We aim to create a stimulating environment where resources are accessible to children. Children can explore and discover high quality resources that stimulate their senses and imagination in each area. For example, in the dressing up area there are dressing up clothes and artefacts from a range of different cultures, in independent making area children will find natural materials of different textures.

Different forms of representation are encouraged through out the Cabin. There are small and large role-play areas. There are writing areas with pencils, pens, felt tips and chalk available. The creative area has a range of 2D and 3D materials. There are various paints, collage materials, recycled materials, clay, chalk, dough.

We have a wide selection of instruments at the Cabin and these are used regularly at our Sing-Up sessions. We have arranged sessions for Parents to share the new songs, music, dances and rhymes we have learned. We encourage children to participate in music, dance and drama with others, including fortnightly yoga sessions.

It is the policy of the Cabin to celebrate children's creativity by displaying children's own work using good quality backing materials and borders that enhance the child's efforts. Sometimes photographs are displayed of work in process, this helps parents and staff value the child's creativity and reflect on their learning.

This policy was agreed and adopted at a meeting of the Clutton Playgroup management Committee on

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Signed ..... (Chair)

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