

Clutton Playgroup



Equipment and Resources Policy

Aim

We aim to provide children with resources and equipment which help to consolidate and extend their knowledge, skills, interests and aptitudes. We believe that high quality care and education is promoted by providing children with safe, clean, attractive, age and stage appropriate resources, toys and equipment.

Method

In order to achieve this aim, we operate the following procedure:

- We provide play equipment and resources which are safe and, where applicable, conform to the BS EN 71 series, Toys (Safety) Regulations 2011.
- We provide a sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children.
- We provide resources that promote all areas of children's learning and development, which may be child or adult led.
- We select books, equipment and resources which promote positive images of people of all races, cultures and abilities, are non-discriminatory and avoid racial and gender stereotyping.
- We provide play equipment and resources that promote continuity and progression, provide sufficient challenge and meet the needs and interests of all children.
- We provide man made, natural and recycled materials that are clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use.
- We provide furniture that is suitable for children and furniture that is suitable for adults.
- We store and display resources and equipment where children can independently choose and select them.
- We check all resources and equipment regularly as they are set out at the beginning of each session and put away at the end of each session.

We repair and clean, or replace any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment.

- We provide adequate insurance cover for the playgroup's resources and equipment.
- We plan the provision of activities and appropriate resources so that a balance of familiar equipment and resources and new exciting challenges is offered.