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## Selecting Play Equipment/Toys - Policy and Practice

**The toys and equipment in Playgroups provide opportunities for children, with adult help, to develop new skills and concepts in the course of their play and exploration.**

We will ensure that the equipment we provide:

- Is appropriate for the ages and stages of the children in our care;
- Offers challenges to develop the skills the children will need in later life, covering all seven areas of learning and development;
- Features positive images of people, both male and female, from a range of ethnic and cultural groups, with and without disabilities;
- Includes a range of raw materials which can be used in a variety of ways and encourages an open ended approach to creativity and problem solving;
- Will enable children, with adult support, to develop individual potential and move towards required learning outcomes;
- Conforms to all relevant safety regulations and is sound and well made.
- If toys or equipment are donated, borrowed or purchased second-hand, they will be checked for safety and cleaned thoroughly before being used by the children.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of the Playgroup held on

Signed on behalf of the Playgroup .....

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