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Selecting Play Equipment/Toys - Policy and Practice

The toys and equipment at Playgroup 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.
- All toys and equipment are cleaned regularly (at least annually), checked for damage and wear and tear and are disposed off if deemed to be unsuitable.

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

Signed on behalf of the Playgroup

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