

Equipment and Resources Policy

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Statement of intent:

Newton Westpark Nursery believe that high quality Early Years Care and Education is promoted by providing children with safe, clean, attractive and developmentally age appropriate resources, toys and equipment.

Aim:

We aim to provide children with resources and equipment that help to consolidate and extend their knowledge, skills, interests and aptitudes.

Methods:

In order to achieve this aim we:

- Provide play equipment and resources that are safe and - where applicable - conform to the BSEN safety standards or Toys (Safety) Regulation (1995);
- Provide a sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children;
- Provide resources that promote all areas of children's learning and development, which may be child or adult led;
- Select books, equipment and resources that promote positive images of people with different backgrounds, cultures and abilities; and ensure there is no discrimination with regards to racial and gender stereotyping;
- Provide play equipment and resources that promote continuity and progression, provide sufficient challenge and meet the needs and interests of all children;
- Provide manmade, natural and recycled materials that are clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use;
- Provide a range of open ended materials and resources for children within each area.
- Provide furniture that is suitable for children and furniture that is suitable for adults;
- Store and display resources and equipment where children can independently choose and select them;
- Regularly check all resources and equipment that are available at each session and ensure they are put away at the end of each session. We repair and clean, or replace, any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment;
- Plan the provision of activities and appropriate resources so that a balance of familiar equipment and new exciting challenges are offered

Management Signature:

Date: