



Policy Statement

At our setting we believe that a high quality of care is promoted by providing children with safe, clean, attractive, age and stage appropriate resources, toys and equipment. We therefore, make sure we can provide resources and equipment which help to consolidate and extend children's knowledge, skills, interests and aptitudes.

In order to achieve this aim:

- We provide developmentally appropriate play equipment and resources which are safe for young children and where applicable conform to the BSEN safety standards or Toys (safety) Regulation (2011).
- Equipment will be properly maintained and inspected in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. All electrical toys and equipment are subject to annual PAT (Portable Appliance Testing).
- We provide a sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children in during each session and resources will, wherever possible, show men and women in a variety of roles and jobs, and people with different abilities being both active and creative.
- We provide resources which 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 interest of all our children.
- We provide man made, natural and recycled materials which are clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use.
- We provide furniture which is a suitable size for children and safe for adults to use.
- 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, clean, or replace any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment;

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- We use an inventory to:
 - review the balance of resources and equipment so that they can support a range of activities across all areas of play, learning and development
 - provide adequate insurance cover for the setting's resources and equipment
- We plan so that provision of activities and appropriate resources are a balance of familiar equipment and new exciting challenges.
- Although self-selection is available to the children larger equipment is stored safely away to avoid accidents.

This policy was adopted by: *Burham Pre-school*

On _____

Date to be reviewed _____

Signed: _____ (*supervisor*)

_____ (*chairperson committee*)