



12. Equipment, Resources and Toys Policy and Practice

Aims of Policy

This policy aims to highlight the equipment, resources and toys the Pre-School provides and how they are maintained.

Policy

The toys and equipment in Pre-School provide opportunities for children, with adult help, to develop new skills and concepts in the course of their play and exploration. The equipment we provide:

- Is appropriate for the ages and stages of the children.
- Offers challenges to developing physical, social, personal and intellectual skills.
- 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 goals.
- Conforms to all relevant safety regulations and is sound and well-made.
- Is regularly checked for 'wear and tear', with any resource deemed to be unsafe being removed.
- If parents/carers feel their child/children should wear a helmet when using the Pre-School bikes, they will be required to provide one of the correct size and fitting, labelled clearly with the child's name. This should be hung on the child's coat peg at the beginning of each session.

As with all the policies for Seer Green Pre-School, the Operational Plan should be referred to for the specific details of day to day operations of the Pre-School. In addition, any issues which arise in the course of a child's time with the Pre-School and that are related to a child's health and wellbeing, parent's or staff's concern, or the overall care and safety of our children, staff, parents and equipment will be dealt with in a professional and confidential manner in order to arrive at an appropriate outcome.

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Signed on behalf of Seer Green Pre-School (Chairperson) _____

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