

Rainbow Early Years

Equipment and resources policy

Statement of intent

We believe that high quality care and education at Rainbow Early Years (REY) is promoted by providing children with safe, clean, engaging, age and stage 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 which are safe and - where applicable - conform to the BSEN safety standards or Toys (Safety) Regulation (1995);
- We provide a sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children;
- 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 both racial and gender stereotyping;
- We provide play equipment and resources which promote continuity and progression, provide sufficient challenge and meet the needs and interests of all 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 suitable for children and furniture which is suitable for adults;

- We provide open-ended and natural resources for children to explore and play with in a variety of ways.
- We store and display resources and equipment where children can independently choose and select them;
- We check all resources and equipment regularly as they are set out and put away. We repair, clean, or replace any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment;
- We keep an inventory of resources and equipment and safety checks.
- We provide adequate insurance cover for the group's resources and equipment;
- We plan the provision of activities and appropriate resources so that a balance of familiar equipment and resources and new exciting challenges are offered, both indoors and outdoors.
- We employ an electrical company to complete PAT testing on an annual basis.

This individual policy forms part of a larger policy document and should be read alongside our other individual policies.

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