

## **Toys and Equipment Policy**

The toys and equipment in the nursery and club encourage children to learn and develop through play and exploration.

The equipment is of high quality and there is appropriate equipment for education and development at all stages and ages.

Equipment reflects equality and a reflection of the wider world as well as the local environment.

Equipment is chosen to allow access for all.

Equipment includes a range of manmade and natural materials and a good proportion of resources now are purchased for sensory and authentic experiences including many varieties of loose parts play.

Damaged or broken equipment will be repaired or disposed of and replaced where needed.

Toys are cleaned on a daily basis either at the end of the day or after use in a section when needed to avoid the spread of infections. Rooms are cleaned daily every point that is touched and deep cleaning is carried out weekly and monthly.

In periods of communicable infections some activities are temporarily suspended including sand, water, play dough, messy play and some items such as soft toys and role play clothes will be removed during these periods.

Children are offered to contribute into the selection of new toys and equipment through discussions, development of wish lists and free access to catalogues to allow free feedback which is noted.