



## Selecting Equipment/Toys Policy and Practice (links to Health and Safety Policy)

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**The toys and equipment in preschool provide opportunities for children, independently and with adult help, to develop new skills and concepts in the course of their play and exploration.**

The equipment we provide:

- Is appropriate for ages and development stages of the child.
- 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 that 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 outcomes.
- Conforms to all relevant safety regulations and is sound and well-made. Checks are made by Staff before and during use.
- Whilst every effort is made to involve parents/carers, any siblings or other children remain their responsibility and the preschool would remind parents that some of our resources are not suitable for other age groups. This includes fundraising events.