

White Rock Pre-School

Equipment and Resources – POLICY

STATEMENT OF INTENT

We believe that high quality care and education is promoted by providing children with safe, clean, attractive age- and stage-appropriate resources, toys and equipment.

AIM

We aim to provide children with resources and equipment which help to consolidate and extend their knowledge, skills interests and aptitudes.

METHODS

In order to achieve this aim:

- i) We provide play equipment and resources which are safe and where applicable conform to the Toys (Safety) Regulations (2011).
- ii) We provide sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children in the setting.
- iii) We provide resources which promote all areas of children's learning and development, which may be child or adult led.
- iv) We select books, equipment and resources which promote images of all races cultures and abilities, are non-discriminatory and avoid racial and gender stereotyping.
- v) We provide play equipment and resources which promote continuity and progression and provide sufficient challenge and meet the needs and interests of all children.
- vi) We provide made, natural and recycled materials which are clean, in good condition and safe for children to use.
- vii) We provide furniture which is suitable for children or adults.
- viii) We store and display resources and equipment where children can choose and select independently.
- ix) We check all resources and equipment regularly as they are set out at the beginning of each session and put away at the end. We repair and clean or replace any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment.

We provide adequate insurance cover for the pre-school's resources and equipment.

We use the local library to introduce new books and to support children's interests.

We plan the provision of activities and appropriate resources so that a balance of familiar equipment and resources and new, exciting challenges is offered.