**Equipment and Resources Policy**

Please take time to read the pre-school policies and let the Pre-school Leader or Chair know if you have any questions.

The policies are also available to read on our website:

www.streatleyhillpreschool.org.uk

**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:

* We provide play equipment and resources which are safe.
* 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 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 made, natural and recycled materials which are clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use.
* We ensure that the children use the resources and equipment provided safely
* We provide furniture which is suitable for children and furniture which is suitable for adults.
* 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 at the beginning of each session and put away at the end of each session.
* We repair and clean, or replace any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment.
* We plan the provision of activities and appropriate resources so that a balance of familiar equipment and resources and new exciting challenges is offered.
* We employ a toy cleaning rota to record the cleaning and checking of resources.
* We provide adequate insurance cover for the pre-school's resources and equipment.

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| Signed on behalf of the Committee by: | Laura Coyle |
| Role of Signatory: | Chair |