



Equipment and Resources Policy

The equipment and toys in the nursery provide opportunities for children to develop new skills and concepts in the course of their play and exploration.

1. Equipment is appropriate for the ages and stages of the children.
2. There is a wide range of equipment will be available on a continuous basis.
3. Equipment offers challenges to developing physical, social, personal and intellectual skills.
4. There is a range of raw materials which can be used in a variety of ways and encourages an open ended approach to creativity and problem solving.
5. Equipment will enable children, with adult support, to develop individual potential and move towards required learning outcomes/goals.
6. All resources and equipment conforms to all relevant safety standards and have the CE symbol which meets the EC- European Community Toy Safety Directive and the EN71 European Safety Standards (includes the Toy Safety Regulations 1995) and covers all toys for children up to the age of 14 years.
7. There is variation in the equipment and resources to prevent conflict in gaining access to favoured items.
8. Books, equipment and resources promote positive images of all races, cultures and abilities. Resources are non –discriminatory or derogatory and avoid racial and gender stereotyping.
9. If broken or faulty beyond repair, equipment and resources should be disposed of appropriately.
10. There is a full range of equipment for outdoor use, on a continuous provision basis. Available provisions may be adapted according to weather conditions.
11. Items are recorded in an inventory and any additional resources, whether purchased or donated, must comply with EN71 standards.
12. There is adequate insurance cover for the setting's resources and equipment.
13. All equipment and resources are suitable in size and height for children and adults.

The nursery does not encourage children to bring toys in from home unless they relate to a specific theme and have been asked to by a member of staff. Toys used for comfort may be bought in from home to encourage the children to settle in.

We do not encourage weapons or guns as we want to encourage imaginative play without the use of such props. However, as children will often pretend to have weapons, we will ensure that we explain the negative connotations with children and suggest.

This policy was adopted on: _____

Signed on behalf of the Little Saints Nursery Committee: _____

Position: _____