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10 - Equipment and Resources Policy

Statement of Intent

We believe that high quality early years care and education are promoted by providing children with safe, clean, attractive, developmentally appropriate resources, toys and equipment.

Aim

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

Methods

We will provide play equipment and resources that are safe and - where applicable - conform to the BSEN safety standards or Toys (Safety) Regulation (1995).

We will provide a sufficient quality of equipment and resources for the number of children.

We will provide resources that promote all areas of children's learning and development, which may be child or adult led.

Select books, equipment and resources that promote positive images of people of all colours, cultures and abilities, are non-discriminatory and avoid racial and gender stereotyping

We will provide play equipment and resources that promote continuity and progression, provide sufficient challenge and meet the needs and interests of all the children.

We will provide made, natural and recycled materials that are clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use.

We will provide furniture that is suitable for children and furniture that is suitable for adults.

We will store and display resources and equipment where children can independently choose and select them.

We will regularly check all resources and equipment that are available at each session and ensure that they are put away at the end of each session. We repair and clean, or replace, unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment.

We will keep an inventory of resources and equipment. This will record the date on which each item was purchased and the price paid for it. We will use the inventory to:

- Review the balance of resources and equipment so that they can support a range of activities across all areas of play, learning and development;

- Provide adequate insurance cover for the Pre-School's resources and equipment.

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

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

Donated Items

We will gratefully accept equipment and resources donated by parents, carers and other members of the community on the basis that these items meet the criteria as stated above. We will inspect the items upon being donated, cleaning any that are kept and dispose of any items that are not deemed to be of a suitable standard.

This policy was adopted by	Sticky Fingers Pre-School
On	6th October 2026
Date to be reviewed	October 2027
Signed by Chairperson	
Name of Chairperson	Ashley Panton