

Equipment and Resources Policy

Grass Roots Nursery Group: Equipment and Resources Policy

Purpose:

To establish guidelines for the selection, maintenance, and use of equipment and resources at Grass Roots Nursery Group, ensuring a safe, stimulating, and inclusive learning environment.

Key Principles:

- **Quality and Safety:** Provide high-quality, safe, and age-appropriate equipment and resources.
- **Diversity and Inclusion:** Select resources that represent a diverse range of people and cultures.
- **Individual Needs:** Cater to individual children's needs and interests.
- **Learning and Development:** Ensure resources support children's learning and development in all areas.
- **Maintenance and Care:** Regularly inspect, maintain, and repair equipment and resources.

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- **Safety Standards:** Ensure all equipment and resources comply with relevant safety standards, such as BS EN safety standards for toys.
- **Quantity:** Provide sufficient equipment and resources for the number of children registered.
- **Individual Needs:** Offer a variety of resources to meet individual children's needs and interests.
- **Learning and Development:** Select resources that support children's learning and development in all areas of the EYFS.
- **Diversity and Inclusion:** Choose resources that promote positive images of people from diverse backgrounds.
- **Continuity and Progression:** Provide resources that offer challenges and support children's progress.
- **Accessibility:** Store and display resources where all children can independently choose and select them.

Maintenance and Care

- **Regular Inspections:** Check equipment and resources at the beginning and end of each session.
- **Repair and Replacement:** Repair or replace damaged, worn-out, or unsafe equipment.
- **Cleaning:** Clean equipment and resources regularly.
- **Evaluation:** Regularly evaluate the effectiveness of resources based on children's opinions and interests.

Child Engagement

- Encourage children to respect equipment and resources.
- Teach children to tidy up after play.

- Use designated storage areas with clear labelling or visuals.

Additional Considerations

- **Outdoor Play Equipment:** Ensure outdoor play equipment is safe, age-appropriate, and regularly inspected.
- **Technology Integration:** Consider incorporating age-appropriate technology into the learning environment.
- **Parent Involvement:** Involve parents in the selection and evaluation of equipment and resources.

By implementing this policy, Grass Roots Nursery Group can create a stimulating and inclusive learning environment that supports children's development and well-being.