



Ladybird Playgroup Thriplow CIO – Equipment and Resources Policy

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Equipment and Resources Policy

Statement of intent

At Ladybird Playgroup Thriplow CIO 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.

Procedure

In order to achieve this aim we:

- provide play equipment and resources that are safe and, where applicable, conform to the BS EN safety standards or Toys (Safety) Regulation (1995)
- ensure that outdoor play equipment in the playground of Thriplow Primary school is annually RoSPA checked (last checked May 2021)
- provide a sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children
- 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 faiths, colours, cultures and abilities, are non-discriminatory and avoid racial and gender stereotyping
- provide play equipment and resources that promote continuity and progression, provide sufficient challenge and meet the needs and interests of all children
- provide made, natural and recycled materials that are clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use
- provide furniture that is suitable for children and furniture that is suitable for adults
- store and display resources and equipment where children can independently choose and select them
- regularly check all resources and equipment that are available at each session and ensure they are put away at the end of each session. We repair and clean, or replace, any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment
- provide adequate insurance cover for the setting's resources and equipment
- have licences with the appropriate companies to enable us to play music/films etc including eg Performing Rights Society for music; Motion Picture Licensing Company for films



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- plan the provision of activities and appropriate resources so that a balance of familiar equipment and resources and new exciting challenges is offered, including when possible, age-appropriate activities such as PE for pre-schoolers

Temporary measures to be applied during the COVID-19 outbreak are as follows:

- difficult to clean toys have been removed from the setting. As restrictions are reduced these will be reintroduced and cleaned regularly as per all toys & equipment

This policy was adopted at a meeting of the Ladybird Playgroup Thriplow CIO	
Held on (date)	
Signed on behalf of the Ladybird Playgroup Committee	
Role of signatory (e.g. chairperson etc.)	
Signed by Playgroup Leader/Deputy	
Name of Playgroup Leader/Deputy	