

## Equipment and Resources Policy

### Statement of intent

At Mogghill 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 through free play and adult led activities.

### Method

In order to achieve this aim:

- We provide play equipment and resources which are safe and, where applicable, conform to BSEN safety standards or Toys (safety) regulation (1995).
- 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 regularly use the expertise and advice of the 'STAR' advisers and its resources.
- 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 regularly use the resources of the Bristol based scrap store.
- We provide furniture which is suitable for children and furniture which is suitable for adults. Our furniture, equipment and resources are only used by the pre-school.

- We store and display resources and equipment where children can independently choose and select them and are all at child eye level.
- 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 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, and record the dates and results of checking and cleaning the resources and equipment.
- We provide adequate insurance cover for the pre-school's resources and equipment.
- We can call upon the other Mogghill site to interchange and share toys, resources and equipment, for example multi-cultural clothes and food and IT toys, (the Beebop).
- We plan the provision of activities and appropriate resources so that a balance of familiar equipment and resources and new exciting challenges is offered.