

SELECTING EQUIPMENT

We will provide toy, play equipment and furniture which are age appropriate to the child. All equipment will be in good working order and state of repair. Toys and play equipment will be selected so children are stimulated, encouraged to explore and develop their own ideas both individually and within a group. It will also be selected for its encouragement of children's intellectual, language, social and emotional, religious, cultural, physical and sensory developmental opportunities.

1. Equipment will be sourced through educational suppliers catalogues and selected on an age appropriate basis for each room.
2. Regular safety checks are to be carried out on equipment, any defective toys will be disposed of. An inventory and safety check log will be kept for reference this is the responsibility of the Nursery Manager.
3. Equipment will be tidied away and stored in conveniently located units for the children to access. All toys will be cleaned at the end of each day. Each room must have a toy cleaning log. This is the responsibility of all staff.
4. We will include and use a range of raw, natural materials and re-cycled objects as well as manufactured items.
5. Outdoor play equipment, bikes, climbing frame, slides etc will be checked regularly for safety. Sand pits to remain covered when not in use and sand changed on a regular basis. Again this is the responsibility of the room leaders and details must be logged in the toy cleaning log.
6. Regular cleaning of fabric equipment.