

# Equipment and resources policy

## Statement of intent

Linton Granta Playgroup believes 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

In order to achieve this aim we:

- 1 provide play equipment and resources that are safe and - where applicable - conform to the BSEN safety standards or Toys (Safety) Regulation (1995);
- 2 provide a sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children;
- 3 provide resources that promote all areas of children's learning and development, which may be child or adult led;
- 4 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;
- 5 provide play equipment and resources that promote continuity and progression, provide sufficient challenge and meet the needs and interests of all children;
- 6 provide made, natural and recycled materials that are clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use;
- 7 provide furniture that is suitable for both children and adults;
- 8 store and display resources and equipment where children can independently choose and select them;
- 9 regularly check all resources and equipment. We repair and clean, or replace, any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment;
- 10 keep an inventory of resources and equipment.
- 11 use the inventory to:
  - 12 review the balance of resources and equipment so that they can support a range of activities across all areas of play, learning and development;
  - 13 record the date when any item is discarded due to being worn out, damaged or unsafe;
  - 14 provide adequate insurance cover for the setting's resources and equipment.

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

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Linton Granta Playgroup and Toddlers

Held on (date) 04/12/07

Signed on behalf of the Management Committee/Proprietor

Role of signatory (e.g. chairperson etc.)

To be reviewed on (date) By Dec 08