

Equipment and Resources

Little Pippins is committed to providing children with access to a wide range of equipment that stimulates enjoyment, play, learning and development, both indoors and outdoors and is appropriate to the age of the children attending.

All furniture, toys and equipment are kept clean, well maintained and in good repair and in accordance with BS EN safety standards or the Toys (Safety) Regulations (1995) where applicable.

Equipment will be properly maintained and inspected in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. All electrical toys and equipment are subject to PAT (Portable Appliance Testing), and relevant staff are aware of the correct use of computers and other IT equipment. The Management Committee will ensure that safeguards are in place to prevent on-line access by staff and children to inappropriate material. The setting currently has an internet service which is only available to staff and some committee members.

Levels of staff supervision will be sufficient to ensure that the safety of children is assured and set according to the type of equipment being used, along with the ages and number of children involved in a given activity.

All equipment and resources will be selected with care, and risk assessments carried out before new toys and equipment are obtained, according to the principles of the Health and Safety Policy.

Little Pippins has equipment and resources suitable for all children currently in attendance, including those with special educational needs, physical disabilities and those for whom English is not their first language.

Our equipment and resources reflect positive images regarding culture, ethnicity, gender, and disability.

Resources will, wherever possible, show men and women in a variety of roles and jobs, and people with different abilities being both active and creative. Examples of everyday life will portray people from a variety of family groupings and cultural backgrounds in a range of non-stereotypical roles.

We provide a wide selection of books that are regularly updated, as financial resources allow. The selection will aim to include reference books, dual language books and a range of age-appropriate formats. Staff are encouraged to select books that reflect a multicultural society, challenge stereotypes and meet the educational needs of the children.

We have play equipment and resources that promote continuity and progression, provide sufficient challenge and meet the needs and interests of all children. The selection will enable children with adult support, to develop individual potential and move towards the relevant early learning goals. The

selection will include made, natural and recycled materials that are stimulating, clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use. Furniture will be provided that is suitable for age range of children attending and adults.

Equipment provided specifically for Breakfast Club will provide challenge and will be appropriate for the ages attending. Outside of Breakfast Club or Play Scheme hours, equipment that is unsuitable for Pre-school age children will be removed and kept securely.

The Management Committee will provide adequate insurance cover for our resources and equipment.

Outside our opening hours, all equipment will be kept in a suitable and secure location, safe from unauthorised access or use. When discovered, defective or broken equipment will be removed immediately. Flammable equipment will be stored in a safe location away from sources of heat and/or naked flames.

The Management Committee will be responsible for reviewing the stock of equipment and updating the Little Pippins' Inventory Record annually.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Little Pippins Management Committee

Held on: 16th March 2020

Signed on behalf of the Management Committee: *Laura Norton*
Role of signatory: Chair

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Related Policies,

Health and Safety
Inclusion- Equality and Diversity