

SECTION 3

General Welfare Requirement: Suitable premises, environment and equipment

Outdoor and indoor spaces, furniture and toys must be safe and suitable for their purpose.

TOYS AND EQUIPMENT

RISK ASSESSMENT

Overall Aim of Statement:

At Wishing Well we believe in learning through play. We are committed to providing an enjoyable learning experience encouraging development in the seven areas of learning and development as set down by the DFE, through careful planning as per EYFS curriculum, through children's interests/preferences and by providing appropriate toys and resources.

Specific Objectives/ Statements and Procedures:

We have a wide range of equipment to meet the learning development of all children and any further resources are identified at staff meetings.

We aim to offer the children a wide and varied assortment of resources which are rotated on a regular basis allowing enjoyment and exploration.

The toys and equipment we provide: Are appropriate for the age and stages of development of the children Offers challenge to develop experiences in the seven areas of learning and development Reflects our diverse and multicultural society Are offered to all children, and all children are encouraged to use the available resources Avoid stereotypical images Avoid objects of violence, eg guns, knives, swords etc Includes a range of raw materials which can be used in a variety of ways Encourages creativity, imagination and exploration and investigation opportunities Conforms to relevant safety regulations and is regularly checked All damaged toys are removed and the play leader informed The health and safety officer and staff regularly check toys, equipment and areas of play Include many ICT resources for different opportunities Are cleaned regularly Are accessible for children to make free choices Are suitable to encourage critical thinking

All toys, equipment and resources are comprehensively risk assessed with regard to children less than 36 months of age and also for children above that age.

Specialist equipment will be provided where required

References to other relevant policies:

Equal Opportunities, Guidance for Staff re Observation, Planning and Evaluation, Health and Safety, Inclusion, SEN

Policy Monitoring and Evaluation Information:

This policy will be monitored and evaluated as per our rolling programme at staff meetings. It will be reviewed annually by a named staff member in conjunction with the staff team and SENCO, unless new legislation or an incident occurs which requires an immediate review of the policy

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