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## Selecting Toys /Equipment Policy and Practice.

The toys and equipment in pre-school provide opportunities for children, with adult help, to develop new skills and concepts in the course of their play and exploration.

The equipment we provide:

- Is appropriate for the ages and stages of the children
- Offers challenges to developing physical, personal and intellectual skills
- Features positive images of people both male and female, from a range of ethnic and cultural group, with and without disabilities.
- Includes a range of raw materials, which can be used in a variety of ways and encourages an open- ended approach to creativity and problem solving.
- Will enable children, with adult support to develop individual potential and move towards required learning outcomes.
- Conforms to all relevant safety regulations and is sound and well made.
- Toys are checked on a regular basis to ensure suitability, and toys that are no longer fit for purpose are removed.
- We keep an inventory of all equipment and analyse this regularly to identify any gaps in provision.

The pre-school adopted this policy on ...7<sup>th</sup> January 2011.....

By Hayley White

Signed on behalf of the staff..... *HWhite*.....