



Toys/selecting Equipment Policy

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

- Are appropriate for the ages and stages of the children
- Offer challenges to developing physical, social, personal and intellectual skills
- Conform to all relevant safety regulations, are sound, safe and clean
- Are displayed on shelves and in cupboards and are available for use by all the children
- Include a range of raw materials which can be used in a variety of ways to enhance creativity and problem solving
- Will enable the children, with adult support, to develop individuality and cover all the desirable learning outcomes including diversity

The outside toys are inspected by the Kindergarten staff before use, our outside play policy is available on our web site. Comfort toys are allowed, to ease the transition from home, and these are kept in the child's named drawer until needed. In these cases, we cannot be responsible for lost or broken toys. Please note that some toys are not allowed:

- Guns
- War toys
- Toys that have an aggressive nature to them
- Toys that are not safe or appropriate for that age

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