# Equipment and resources policy; Tring Stepping Stones Preschool

## Statement of intent

We believe that high quality care and education is promoted by providing children with safe, clean, attractive, age and stage appropriate resources, toys and equipment.

## Aim

We aim to provide children with resources and equipment, which help to consolidate and extend their knowledge, skills, interests and aptitudes.

## Methods

In order to achieve this aim:

* We provide play equipment and resources which are safe and - where applicable conform to the BSEN safety standards or Toys (Safety) Regulation (2011); www.toysadvice.co.uk/toy-safety-standards-uk
* All toys have the CE mark on them.
* We provide a sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children;
* We provide resources which promote all areas of children's learning and development, which may be child-led or adult-led;
* We select books, equipment and resources which promote positive images of people of all races, cultures and abilities, are non-discriminatory and avoid racial and gender stereotyping;
* We provide play equipment and resources which promote continuity and progression, provide sufficient challenge and meet the needs and interests of all children;
* We provide made, natural and recycled materials which are clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use;
* We provide furniture which is suitable for children and furniture which is suitable for adults;
* We store and display resources and equipment where children can independently choose and select them, where ever possible.
* We check all resources and equipment regularly as they are set out at the beginning of each session and put away at the end of each session. We repair and clean, or replace any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment;
* We have a schedule for cleaning equipment and resources, dressing up clothes and furnishings. General cleaning is done as and when it is needed. We have a toy cleaning log book that all staff complete once toys have been cleaned.
* We provide adequate insurance cover for the pre-school's resources and equipment;
* We use the local library to introduce new books and a variety of resources to support children's interests. We plan the provision of activities and appropriate resources so that a balance of familiar equipment and resources and new exciting challenges is offered.

Signed on behalf of the pre-school: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_

Role:

Reviewed: **November 2011- no changes**

**November 2012 review- no changes**

**September 2013 review- added toy cleaning log book**

**September 2014- no changes**

**September 2015 – no changes**

**October 2016- no changes**

**October 2017- no deep clean, • We have a schedule for cleaning equipment and resources, dressing up clothes and furnishings. General cleaning is done as and when it is needed.**

**October 2018- removed sentence saying we borrow toys from the toy library and the children’s centre as we don’t really do that anymore.**

**Removed sentence about the toy inventory and where toys are stored**

**November 2019-added the website for toy safety advice and updated the date of the toy regulations. Added all toys have the CE mark**

**December 2020- some resources have been limited at preschool due to Covid-19. We have had less soft furnishings out. Some toys have been split into two different sets to help with cleaning and helping to stop the spread of the virus. More cleaning is being done, carpets are being rotated. See our covid updates/policy for more info.**

**November 2021- toy rotation and toy cleaning is still done to a high standard and more regularly due to Covid-19.**

**March 2022 – no changes**

**January 2023 – Regular cleaning still taking place. Soft furnishings and soft toys now reintroduced.**

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