

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment

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



8.11 Equipment and resources

Policy statement

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. We want to provide children with effective resources and equipment which helps to consolidate and extend their knowledge, skills, interests and aptitudes.

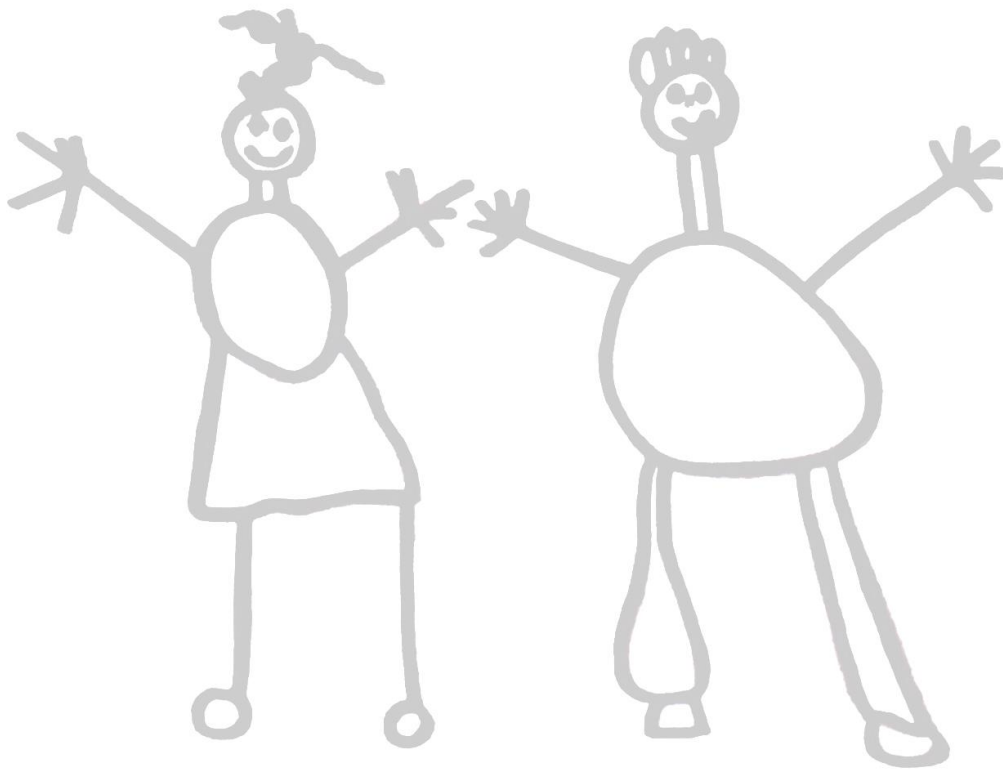
Procedures

- We provide play equipment and resources which are safe and - where applicable - conform to the BSEN safety standards or Toys (Safety) Regulation (1995);
- 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 - 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;
- The children will be asked to contribute ideas and suggestions to the toys and equipment when the setting makes purchases.
- 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;
- 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 keep an inventory of resources and equipment. This will record the date on which each item was purchased and the price paid for it;
- We use the inventory to review the balance of resources and equipment so that they can support a range of activities across all areas of play, learning and development;
- We provide adequate insurance cover for the settings resources and equipment

Wraparound care

- The above policy also applies to those who attend any of the wraparound sessions provided by Pippin Pre-School.

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