

SELECTING EQUIPMENT/TOYS POLICY AND PRACTICE

Keeping children safe and sound


The toys and equipment in KEYfs 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, social, personal and intellectual skills.*
- *Features positive images of people, both male and female, from a large range of ethnic and cultural groups, with or without disabilities.*
- *Includes a range of raw materials that can be used in a variety of ways and encourages an open-ended approach to creativity and problem solving.*
- *Encourages children to play indoors and freely transfer to outside play areas with chosen activity.*
- *Will enable children, with adult support, to develop individual potential and move towards required learning goals.*
- *Conforms to all relevant safety regulations and is sound and well-made.*
- *Toys and equipment are arranged to enable continuous provision where children can select their required resources to complete their chosen task, extend their ideas and practice independence in their learning.*

This policy was adopted at a meeting of KEYfs held in October 2016.

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Signed on behalf of KEYfs:-

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