SEVENOAKS DAY NURSERY

Equipment and resources policy

We believe that high quality early years care is promoted by providing children with safe, clean, attractive, developmentally appropriate resources, toys and equipment.

Aim

We aim to provide children with resources and equipment that help to consolidate and extend their knowledge, skills, interests and aptitudes and so supporting the development areas of the EYFS.

Methods

In order to achieve this aim we:

- provide play equipment and resources that are safe and where applicable conform to the Toys (Safety) Regulations 1995 and (if applicable) the Toys (Safety) Regulations 2011;
- provide a sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children;
- provide resources that promote all areas of children's learning and development,
 which may be child or adult led;
- select books, equipment and resources that promote positive images of people of all colours, cultures and abilities, are non-discriminatory and avoid racial and gender stereotyping;
- provide play equipment and resources that promote continuity and progression and provide sufficient challenge to develop the physical, social, personal and intellectual needs and interests of all children;
- provide play equipment and resources, made with natural and recycled materials, that are clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use;
- provide furniture that is suitable for children and furniture that is suitable for adults;
- display resources and equipment where children can independently choose and select them;
- regularly check all resources and equipment that are available at each session and ensure they are put away at the end of each session. We repair and clean, or replace, any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment;

- periodically, review the balance of resources and equipment so that they can support
 a range of activities across all areas of play, learning and development; and
- plan the provision of activities and appropriate resources so that a balance of familiar equipment and resources and new exciting challenges is offered.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of the Trustees of Sevenoaks Day Nursery on 12th June, 2013 and reviewed in January 2024.

Susan Dreksler Chair of Trustees

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