Fledglings Day Nursery

# Equipment Policy

Date Reviewed: August 2023

Review Due: August 2024

Reviewed by: Miss A West

## 1 Introduction

The revised EYFS (Sept 2014) requires education providers to ensure their premises, including outdoor spaces, are fit for their intended purpose. Spaces, furniture, equipment and toys must be safe for children to use and the school/setting must be secure.

Providers must keep premises and equipment clean and comply with the safeguarding and welfare requirements.

## 2 Aims and objectives

The aim of this policy is to ensure that all staff understand the importance of providing children with high quality and well maintained equipment.

The objective of this policy is to ensure that children are provided with safe, clean, attractive, age and stage appropriate resources, toys and equipment.

**3** **Equipment**

We are committed to providing a wide range of materials and equipment for our children that are safe, clean, and fit for their intended purpose.

**3.1** All furniture, toys and equipment are kept in good repair and are checked on a regular basis.

**3.2** All equipment and resources are selected with care. Risk assessments are carried out before new toys and equipment are purchased before being placed in the learning environment.

**3.3** Only suitable equipment and resources which are age and stage appropriate, are used to promote children’s learning and development.

**3.4** We provide a range of equipment and resources which promote positive images with regard to culture, ethnicity, gender and disability.Whenever possible, resources show men and women in a variety of roles and jobs, and people with different abilities being both active and creative. This includes examples of everyday life which portray people from a wide range of family and cultural backgrounds in non-stereotypical roles.

**3.5** We provide a wide selection of books that are regularly updated. The selection includes reference books, dual language books where appropriate and a range of age-appropriate formats. Staff are encouraged to select books that reflect a multicultural society, challenge stereotypes and meet the educational needs of the children.

**3.6** The level of staff supervision is set accordingly to the equipment being used and the age and number of children involved in any given activity

**3.7** Resources and equipment are stored and displayed where children can independently choose and select them. When not in use, all equipment is stored in a suitable location.

**3.8** All resources and equipment are checked at the beginning of each session. Any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment is withdrawn to be repaired, cleaned, or replaced.

## 4 Monitoring and review

This policy was agreed and implemented in August 2023 and is due for review in August 2024.

There will be ongoing monitoring of this policy as some aspects may require amending/updating before the review date should there be any incidents which take place relating to it that give cause for concern.

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**Signed: A West**

**Date: August 2023**