



## EQUIPMENT & RESOURCES POLICY

### Statement of intent

We believe that high quality early years care and education are promoted by providing children with safe, clean, attractive, developmentally appropriate, 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.

### Methods

In order to achieve this aim we:

- Provide play equipment and resources that are safe and - where applicable - conform to the BSEN safety standards or Toys (safety) regulation (1995 and 2008);
- 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 provide sufficient challenge and meet the needs and interests of all children;
- Provide made, 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;
- Store and display resources and equipment where children can independently choose and select them;
- Regularly check all resources and equipment that are available at each session. We repair and clean, or replace, any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment;

Plan the provision of activities and appropriate resources so that a balance of familiar equipment and resources and new exciting challenges is offered.

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This policy was reviewed and agreed at a meeting of the St Peter's Nursery School Management Committee held on **24<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

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Signed on behalf of the Management Committee by Catherine Wilson, Chair of the Management Committee