

## **GREAT CHISHILL NURSERY** **EQUIPMENT & RESOURCES POLICY**

### **Statement of intent**

We believe that high quality early years care and education are promoted by the provision of safe, clean, attractive and developmentally appropriate equipment, resources and toys.

### **Aim**

We aim to provide appropriate equipment, which the children can use in order to support and promote their knowledge, skills, interests and aptitudes.

### **Methods**

In order to do this we:

Provide play equipment and resources that are safe and conform to BSEN safety standards or Toys (Safety) Regulations (1995) where applicable.

Provide enough equipment to provide flexible arrangements for the number of children who attend the setting.

Provide equipment that promotes all areas of children's learning and development.

Provide equipment and resources that promote continuity and progression, provide sufficient challenges and meet the needs and interests of all the children.

Choose equipment and resources which promote positive images of people of all cultures and abilities, are non-discriminatory and avoid gender or racial stereotypes.

Provide made resources using natural and recycled materials that are clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use.

Provide furniture that is suitable for the children who attend the setting and furniture that is suitable for adults.

Store and display appropriate equipment and resources where children can independently select and return them.

Regularly check all equipment. (1/2 term) Clean, repair or replace any which is dirty, damaged, worn out or unsafe.

Use the local library and toy library to provide additional equipment and resources.

Keep an Inventory of equipment. (Safety Audit)

Use this to:

Provide the date of purchase and price of equipment.

Review the balance of equipment in the setting to ensure it covers the full range of needs.

Ensure that there is a good balance of familiar items and those which provide new challenges.

Record the date and results of checking (repairs or discarding)