



# Brenchley Preschool

## Equipment and resources policy

### Statement of intent

We believe that high quality care and education is promoted by providing children with safe, clean, attractive, open ended, age and stage appropriate resources, toys and equipment.

### Aim

We aim to provide children with resources and equipment to stimulate the development of new skills and ideas through their play and help to consolidate and extend their knowledge, skills and interests.

### Methods

In order to achieve this aim:

- we provide play equipment and resources which are safe and conform to the European Toy Safety Directive 2009/48/EC enacted in the UK as Toys (Safety) Regulation (2011) and the CE mark declaring that the toy meets requirement of the European Directive.
  - Currently toys have the following requirements: EN71 have to pass BS 5665
  - 88/378/EEC and have a CE mark. The new rules coming in UKNI and UKCA will 88/378/EEC and CE mark from December 2024 have been changed and will continue to run alongside the other toy directives.
- we provide a sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children;
- we provide resources which children can access independently and promote all areas of their learning and development.
- we select books, equipment and resources which promote positive images of people of all races, cultures and abilities, are non-discriminatory and avoid racial and gender stereotyping;
- we provide play equipment and resources which promote continuity and progression, provide sufficient challenge and meet the needs and interests of all children;
- we provide man-made, natural and recycled materials which are clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use;
- we provide ergonomic designed furniture to aid posture of the children
- we display resources and equipment in open shelves and baskets where children can independently choose and select them;
- we check all resources and equipment regularly as they are set out at the beginning of each session and put away at the end of each session. We repair and clean, or replace any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment;
- we keep an inventory of resources and equipment. This will record the date on which each item was purchased and the price paid for it;
- we use the inventory to:
  - review the balance of resources and equipment so that they can support a range of activities across all areas of play, learning and development; a
  - record the dates and results of checking the resources and equipment;
  - we provide adequate insurance cover for the pre-school's resources and equipment;
- we 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 reviewed at a Management Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025.*

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Mrs Victoria Relle – Chairman of Brenchley Preschool