

Equipment

EYFS overarching legal requirement:

“Outdoor and indoor spaces, furniture, equipment and toys, must be safe and suitable for their purpose”

Every Child Matters Outcome: Enjoy and Achieve

EYFS Requirement: Suitable Premises, Environment and Equipment

Principles into Practice: Unique Child

- Inclusive Practice (card 1.2)

Principles into Practice: Enabling Environment

- Supporting Every Child (card 3.2)

- The Learning Environment (card 3.3)

Principle into Practice: Learning and Development

- Play and Exploration (card 4.1)

- Active Learning (card 4.2)

- Creativity and Critical Thinking (card 4.3)

This policy applies to

1. Early Years Register (EYR)
2. Childcare Register (CR)

Policy

A policy is description of the setting’s aim/commitment. Consider the following information when detailing your policy.

- What is your commitment to providing, suitable, safe, age appropriate equipment for children in your care?
- What is your commitment for ensuring that the equipment you do provide is safe and suitable for its purpose? How do you know?

Procedure

A procedure is a description of the way in which a setting goes about a particular activity or process. In this context it is how the setting puts its aim into practice. Consider the following information when detailing your procedures.

- What is your procedure for purchasing new equipment?
- How do you decide on what equipment to purchase? E.g. do you consult with children, parents and staff?
- If you are purchasing equipment for a child with additional needs, who do you consult with to ensure it will accommodate his/her needs?
- What is your procedure for maintaining equipment in the setting? How do you record this information? Who is responsible?
- How do you ensure that the equipment is safe and secure? I.e. do you conduct daily risk assessments?
- How do you organise your equipment and furniture in the room, to ensure that the layout meets the needs of all children?
- Where do you store equipment at the end of the day?
- What is your procedure for checking that the toys and equipment meet relevant safety requirements?
- Does your procedure reflect how children are able to choose and access their own resources?
- Is there an appropriate range of equipment which reflects cultural diversity?
- Is the furniture and resources organised to allow for quiet time?
- Is the furniture appropriate for the age of the children using it?
- Are there adequate storage facilities for storing large equipment?

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Related Policies: Health and safety

For more information...

EYFS Statutory Framework

EYFS CD ROM

Requirements for the Childcare Register: Childminders and home child carers - Ofsted ref 080161

Requirements for the Childcare Register: Childcare providers on non domestic or domestic premises – Ofsted ref 080143

Additional duties under national legislation: Health and Safety Legislation

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