



# SELECTING EQUIPMENT AND TOYS POLICY

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The toys and equipment in Pre-school provide opportunities for children, with the help of adults, to develop new skills and concepts, in the course of their play and exploration. The equipment we provide:

- is appropriate for the ages and stages of the children.
- offers challenges for the development of physical, social, personal and intellectual skills.
- features positive images of people, both male and female, from a range of ethnic and cultural groups, with and without disabilities.
- includes a range of raw materials, which can be used in a variety of ways, and encourages an open-ended approach to creativity and problem solving.
- will enable children, with adult support, to develop individual potential through the **Characteristics of Effective Learning** and move towards the required **Early Learning Goal**.
- will give the children the opportunity for free choice in a range of activities.
- conforms to all relevant safety regulations, is sound and well made.