

CHRIST CHURCH PLAYGROUP

Selecting Play Equipment and Toys

The toys and equipment in playgroup provide opportunities for children, with adult help, 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, for activities which may be child or adult led.

is of a sufficient quantity for the number of children attending the setting.

offers challenges to developing 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 and avoiding racial and gender stereotyping.

includes a range of raw materials that can be used in a variety of ways and encourages an open-ended approach to creativity and problem solving. These items should be natural and recycled materials, which are clean, in good condition and are safe for children to use

will enable children, with adult support, to develop individual potential and move towards required learning goals

conforms to the BSEN safety standards or toys (Safety) regulation (1995) and is sound and well made.

All materials – including paint and glue - are non-toxic

Sand is clean and suitable for children's play

Resources and equipment will be stored where children can chose and select for themselves

We use the local library to introduce new books and a variety of resources to supports the children's interests

We rotate toys and equipment on a daily basis to ensure that there is a balance of activities and resources and that items do not become too familiar and remain new and exciting to the children

This policy was reviewed in December 2014.

Signed on behalf of the Playgroup