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Equipment and Toys Policy

At Compton Valley Nursery we believe that a quality early years care and education are promoted by providing the children with safe, clean, attractive and developmentally appropriated resources, toys and equipment. Our aim is to provide the children with resources and equipment that will reinforce and extend their knowledge, skills and also stimulate their minds.

In order to do this adequately we:

- provide a sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children in each room.
- provide resources that promote all areas of children's learning and development, which may be child or adult led.
- select books, equipment and resources that promote positive images of people of all colours, cultures and abilities, are non-discriminatory and avoid racial and gender stereotyping.
- provide play equipment and resources that promote continuity and progression, provide sufficient challenge and meet the needs and interests of all children. Each room has appropriate toys which reflect the abilities of the children present.
- provide made, natural and recycled materials that are clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use.
- provide furniture that is suitable for children and furniture that is suitable for adults.
- store and display resources and equipment where children can independently choose and select themselves.
- regularly check all resources and equipment that are available at each session and ensure they are put away at the end of each session. We repair and clean, or replace, any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment and have procedures in place to ensure this is done.
- keep an inventory of resources and equipment for each room.

Purpose

To maintain a high standard of care and education given to the children at this setting by providing them with stimulating, safe toys and equipment.