

Apple Tree Day Nursery Outdoor Play Equipment Policy and Procedures.

The Nursery Owner and Nursery Manager are responsible for purchasing equipment for the nursery and we ensure that it has EU/ British Standards approval that are age, stage and development appropriate for the children in our care. We also ensure that we provide equipment and resources that reflect positive images of race, gender, religion, ethnic backgrounds and special needs. We provide a range of equipment that is accessible to the children and promotes independence.

Equipment for children of differing ages is kept separate due to the baby room being upstairs in the nursery and the 2-3yr olds rooms being downstairs in the nursery.

All staff are asked to be vigilant at all times, paying particular attention to the height of larger equipment and ensuring that there are adequate staffing levels to supervise the children on individual pieces of equipment that may present a higher risk of fall or accident.

Risk assessments are carried out daily to ensure that equipment and resources are safe and that the garden is secure and free of any debris, faeces, and poisonous plants.

All staff/ students/ volunteers or adults attending a placement in the nursery have a duty to the children in their care to ensure that all the equipment available to them is safe, clean, and secure and age appropriate.

None of the equipment and resources available to the children at the nursery should be faulty in any way.

All toys in the nursery should be cleaned on a regular basis. It is the staff who work in the rooms responsibility to ensure that the toys are cleaned and the details are recorded on a Cleaning Record Sheet. The nursery manager will oversee that the cleaning is being done.

** Garden Toys, every month.*

If found, any toys or equipment that is broken or faulty, e.g. loose bolts, missing parts, cracks and/or sharp edges should be removed immediately and discarded or placed somewhere safe for repair at a later stage. This is to be recorded on a Damaged Equipment Log Sheet and the Manager is to be informed as soon as possible.

Reviewed and agreed on

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Next review date

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