

BENTS GREEN PRE-SCHOOL

BENTS GREEN METHODIST CHURCH, RINGINGLOW ROAD, SHEFFIELD S11 7PU



Equipment and Resources Policy

Statement of intent

At Bents Green we ensure that sufficient, clean, suitable toys and play materials are available to provide stimulating activities and play opportunities.

Aim

We aim to provide children with resources and equipment that help to consolidate and extend their knowledge, skills, interests and aptitudes.

Methods

In order to achieve this aim we:

- Check equipment and resources on a regular basis for any broken pieces which are discarded immediately. We also check equipment regularly to make sure it is safe to use and all staff are made aware of the correct construction of the larger pieces of equipment, i.e. climbing frame, shop, and easel and water tray
- At the end of each term, one day is set aside for all the staff to clear, wash and check all the resources prior to the next term. This also allows the staff to see what stock is there and if any item requires updating or replaced
- Provide a sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children
- 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 nationalities, 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
- 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 them, or provide visual/written aids for children's selection of inaccessible items
- Keep an inventory of resources and equipment. This is updated regularly. Two copies of an inventory of equipment are kept and these are regularly updated
- We have a complete book inventory which is also updated on a regular basis. A back up copy of both inventories is held on the group's pen drive.
- Use a mobile library which enhances our resources and as the children access this facility, supports their own interests.
- Plan the provision of resources to enable children to revisit familiar equipment as well as offering new and exciting challenges
- Children are actively encouraged to help with the tidying away of the equipment and our boxes or trays have both written and picture labels to help with this process.

Monday to Friday 9.15am – 12.15pm

Monday pm 12.15pm – 2.45pm

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