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## Equipment and Resources Policy

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## **Equipment and Resources Policy**

### **1 Scope & Purpose**

- 1.1** To provide resources and equipment in a workshop style environment
- 1.2** To enable all children to interact with resources independently and, with adult support where appropriate, in ways which allow them to achieve high levels of involvement in their play, which is when brain development happens and when progress in learning is made.

### **2 Outline**

- 2.1** Croft Playgroup provide play equipment and resources which are safe and, where applicable, conform to the BSEN safety standards or Toys (Safety) Regulation; European Toy Regulation 2011.
- 2.2** We provide a workshop environment where children can have access to all resources at all times.
- 2.3** Resources are stored in open boxes and shelves for ease of access and so that children can independently choose and select them.
- 2.4** We ensure that there is sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children.
- 2.5** Croft playgroup provide resources which promote all areas of children's learning and Development and encourage independent thinking, playing and exploring.
- 2.6** Use of resources may be child or adult-led.
- 2.7** We understand that the adults play a vital role in supporting the children in their use of resources and in observing and interacting so that teachable moments can happen to enhance children's play and learning.
- 2.8** Croft playgroup select books, equipment and resources which promote positive images of people of all races, cultures and abilities, are non-discriminatory and avoid racial and gender stereotyping.
- 2.9** We recognise that children should have opportunities to take risks and be challenged in their play and so we ensure that equipment that we provide gives them opportunities to do this.
- 2.10** In the outside areas we ensure that there is equipment which presents opportunities for risk taking and climbing.
- 2.11** We ensure that all equipment is fully risk assessed and that the children are supported in their use.
- 2.12** We recognise that to develop core and muscle strength, children need opportunities to climb and pull and travel along (over, under, around, through) equipment. We provide equipment which enable children to climb and move in these ways.
- 2.13** We provide play equipment and resources which promote continuity and progression, provide sufficient challenge and meet the needs and interests of all children.



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- 2.14** Croft playgroup provide made, natural and recycled materials which are clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use.
- 2.15** Croft playgroup provide furniture which is suitable for children and furniture which is suitable for adults.
- 2.16** Staff check all resources and equipment regularly as they are set out at the beginning of each session and put away at the end of each session.
- 2.17** We ensure all areas are well stocked.
- 2.18** We repair and clean or replace any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment.
- 2.19** Croft playgroup review the balance of resources and equipment termly, and at the beginning of every academic year to ensure that they can support a range of activities across all areas of play, learning and development.
- 2.20** Croft playgroup provide adequate insurance cover for the pre-school's resources and equipment.

**This policy was adopted by Croft Playgroup**

Signed on behalf of the Croft Playgroup

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