



46. Equipment and Resources

At Step By Step Montessori Ltd we organise the premises and equipment to meet the needs of all the children. We provide a wide range of high quality equipment and resources to support the delivery of our early years curriculum. We take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of children and ensure they are not exposed to risks.

To ensure this occurs within the nursery, including in our outdoor areas, we provide:

- Play equipment and resources which are safe and, where applicable, conform to the European Standards for Playground Equipment: EN 1176 and EN 1177, BS EN safety standards or Toys (Safety) Regulation (1995)
- A sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children registered in the nursery
- High quality resources to meet children's individual needs and interests and promote all areas of children's learning and development
- Provide resources which promote all areas of children's learning and development
- Involve the children in decision making about new resources and equipment, where possible
- A wide range of books, equipment and resources which promote positive images of people of all races, cultures, ages, gender and abilities, are non-discriminatory and do not stereotype
- Play equipment and resources which promote continuity and progression, provide sufficient challenges and meet the needs and interests of all children
- Sufficient storage so resources and equipment can be displayed for children to independently choose and/or stored away safely and then rotated
- Appropriate risk assessments and checks on all resources and equipment before first use to identify any potential risks and again regularly at the beginning of every session and when they are put away at the end of every session.

Cleaning and maintaining of all resources and equipment.

- We repair and clean or replace any unsafe, worn out, dirty or damaged equipment whenever required
- An inventory of resources and equipment. This records the date on which each item was purchased and the price paid for it
- An evaluation of the effectiveness of the resources including the children's opinions and interests
- Role models and discussion to ensure that all children respect the equipment and resources and tidy these away when play has finished.

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