

**Little Cubs Academy**  
**Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements**  
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**Equipment Policy**

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**Statement of Intent**

At Little Cubs Academy, we believe that high quality care is promoted by providing children with a safe and stimulating environment. The resources used to support this are clean and attractive as well as age, ability and stage appropriate.

**Aim**

We aim to provide children with resources and equipment that help to consolidate and extend their knowledge, skills, interests and aptitudes within an environment that enhances their all-round skills ability.

**Method**

In order to achieve this aim:

- We provide play equipment and resources that are safe and, where applicable, conform to BSEN safety standards or Toys (Safety) Regulation (1995).
- We provide a sufficient quantity of equipment and resources for the number of children.
- The setting is adequately spacious for purpose, as well as safe and secure.
- The atmosphere and environment is welcoming to children and parents/carers.
- The Head Teacher has the responsibility to ensure that the setting is clean, well ventilated and maintained at the appropriate temperature.
- It is the Head Teacher's responsibility to ensure a daily risk assessment of the site is completed, to ensure that the facilities are maintained in a suitable state of repair and decoration.
- As far as possible, the premises should only be used by the children and adults concerned with the setting during the official opening hours.
- Where possible, the activities should be displayed in an open-plan layout, so that the children can move freely between activities.
- The setting should have adequate storage space to store equipment safely.
- The setting is provided with a telephone for emergency use by staff, parents/carers.
- We provide resources that promote all areas of children's learning and development, which may be child or adult led.
- We select books, equipment and resources that promote positive images of people of all races, cultures and abilities and are non-discriminatory and avoid racial and gender stereotyping.
- We provide play equipment and resources that promote continuity and progression, provide sufficient challenge and meet the needs and interests of all children.
- We provide natural and re-cycled materials that are clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use.
- We clean all our toys and furniture once a week and use Milton Solution.
- We provide furniture that is suitable for children and adults.

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- We store and display resources and equipment where children can independently choose and select them.
- We 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.
- We repair, clean or replace any unsafe, worn out or dirty/damaged equipment.
- We plan the provision of activities and appropriate resources so that a balance of familiar equipment and resources plus new exciting challenges is offered.

**Outdoor Play**

Our outdoor play area is used as part of our continuous provision. Any outdoor play will be carried out in a safe and secure place and will be supervised at all times. All outside play areas receive a daily risk assessment.

Outdoor play areas must be well maintained; it is the Head Teacher's responsibility to report any problems with the outside area to the setting owner.

It is the staff's responsibility to keep the paths to the Setting safe and clear, including free from snow or ice, litter and leaves.

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