



Regent House Preschool

Maintenance and Replacement of Play Equipment Policy

Regent House Preschool is committed to providing children with access to a wide range of equipment that stimulates enjoyment both indoors and outdoors.

All furniture, toys and equipment are kept clean, well maintained and in good repair.

Equipment will be properly maintained and inspected.

All staff are responsible for monitoring the condition of equipment and have the authority to remove a piece of equipment from use if they feel it is unsafe. They should notify the Manager (Designated Health & Safety Officer) if replacements are required.

Levels of staff supervision will be sufficient to ensure that the safety of children is assured, and set according to the type of equipment being used, along with the ages and number of children involved in a given activity. As per best practice guidelines, a ratio of 1:8 is in place in the Preschool.

List of Preschool Equipment and Toys

| INDOOR | OUTDOOR |
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| <p><u>Mark-Making</u> Stationery (colouring pencils, crayons, felt-tips) Mini whiteboards, laminated tracing pouches, whiteboard markers and rubbers Mini chalkboards, chalk and rubbers Glue sticks Stampers and Stencils</p> | <p><u>P.E. Equipment</u> Balls (various sizes, colours and textures) Bean bags and quoits Hoops and ropes Discus Dance Ribbons</p> |

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| <p><u>Creative</u> Paints and brushes PVA glue, spreaders and pots Paper and card (assorted sizes) Glitter Assorted craft resources (e.g. buttons, googly eyes, feathers, lollipop sticks, tissue paper, etc.)</p> | <p><u>Other Small Equipment</u> Catch Cups Plastic Bucket Stilts Pram and dolls Playground chalk Large foam dice Musical instruments Books Vehicles Wooden blocks Large Waffle Bricks Sand Tray with assorted scoops / resources</p> |
| <p><u>Playdough</u> Homemade Playdough Topic-related Mats Assorted Cutters Large and Patterned Rolling pins Modelling tools</p> | <p><u>Large Outdoor Equipment</u> Climbing wall and mats Tunnel Wooden fairy bridge Wooden boat Wooden fruit and vegetable stall Wooden puppet theatre with puppets Wooden scales with buckets and loose parts Wooden teepee Wooden gardening area with gardening tools and watering cans Learn-to-ride vehicles (bicycles, car, scooters) Two-seat wooden role play rider Wooden balance beams Mud station and associated resources Wooden play house including kitchen Wooden waterfall</p> |

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| <p><u>Construction</u> Large blocks - Wooden Blocks (plain and coloured), Megablocks, Duplo Lego Octons Stickle Bricks Mobilo Coloured Connecting Cubes Snowflakes Waffle Blocks Loose parts including recycled materials</p> | |
| <p><u>Table Top</u> Jigsaws and Inset Puzzles Picture/Symbol Card Games / Snap Fine Motor Activity Boards/Puzzles Magnetic letters Rainbow Pebbles 2D & 3D shapes (magnetic, foam, plastic & wood) Threading Spools and Lacing Toys Sorting bowls and resources (tweezers, dinosaurs, farm animals, people) Compare Bears Wooden pizza Pegs and hammers</p> | |
| <p><u>Role play</u> Kitchen, Artificial Food, Cutlery Babies, clothes, accessories, prams, cots, highchairs Table & Chairs Shop and various products relating to topics Fireplace and Christmas Post Box Cardboard Igloos Costumes and assorted accessories / resources Computers, mouse, phones</p> | |

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| <p><u>Small World</u> Dolls House and furniture Dinosaurs Wooden train set and trains Coloured cars and tracks Sea creatures Assorted Vehicles (small vehicles, large diggers) Wooden Farms, tractors, farm animals Safari animals Wooden Castle and fantasy figures Happy Land Wooden Fire Station Wooden Hospital Space Resources</p> | |
| <p><u>Sand / Water Trays (one per classroom)</u> Self-selection box - tubes, funnels, brushes, containers Jugs Boats Scoops (plastic and wooden) Sieves Sponges Food colouring (where appropriate) Coloured sand (where appropriate)</p> | |
| <p><u>Interest Tables / Reading Areas (one per classroom)</u> Age-appropriate books Book racks Topic-related resources (changed monthly) Masks and hand puppets Musical instruments</p> | |
| <p><u>Sensory Resources</u> Gellibaff Shaving Foam Rice Jelly</p> | |

Monitoring and evaluation

This policy will be reviewed and monitored in line with the Preschool's policy review schedule.

Reviewed:
23/05/23

Approved by BOG:
21/09/23