

General Welfare Requirement: Learning and Development

'Little Deers' will plan and organise their systems to ensure that every child receives an enjoyable and challenging learning and development experience that is tailored to meet their individual needs

11.1 Play policy

Policy statement

We believe that children learn at their highest level through play, and that play encourages children to be interested, excited and motivated to learn.

Our aim is to provide a variety of opportunities for high quality play, which are based on the interests of the children, as we understand that children learn more from experiences which interest them than from activities which have no meaning for them.

Procedures

- We ensure that we provide a balance of child-initiated and adult-led play-based activities, which are developed according to our observations of the interests and abilities of the children.
- We provide flexible resources that can be used in many different ways to facilitate children's play and exploration.
- We ensure that every child has access to all of the play opportunities on offer.
- We allow children to choose who they play with, what they play with and how they play, as we understand that children are most involved in their play when it is self-chosen.
- We always intervene in play if it is inappropriate e.g: offensive, unsafe, violent or bullying.
- We provide a variety of role play situations which cover the EYFS areas of learning and development and allow children to explore new and familiar roles.
- We allow children to play outside whenever possible as we are aware that being outdoors has a positive impact on children's sense of well-being and helps all aspects of a child's development.
- We provide physical play sessions to encourage children to be healthy and to aid the development of gross motor skills.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of	Little Deers Preschool	name of setting
Held on	<hr/> 13 th June 2016	(date)
Date to be reviewed	<hr/> June 2017	(date)
Signed on behalf of the management committee		
Name of signatory	<hr/> Adele Gibson	
Role of signatory (e.g. chair/owner)	<hr/> Managing Director	