

Fun 4U Club

15. Maintenance and Replacement of Play Equipment Policy & Procedure

Principle

We strive to provide safe and outstanding play opportunities for all the children in our care. Keeping equipment well maintained and in working order. Ensuring that all aspects of children's play is age appropriate.

Statement of Intent

Fun 4U Club believes that

- Children will develop new skills and understanding from play which is age appropriate.
- Children will become frustrated if play opportunities are too advanced or too simple for them.
- It is important to select the correct balance of play.
- We believe that toys and equipment must be kept clean and in good working order. This will enhance the enjoyment that children get out of play.

Procedures

Manager and staff should follow the guidelines below when choosing items for a Club.

- Staff must be vigilant when set out and clearing up after each session looking for any broken or damaged toys and equipment.
- When any damaged toys and equipment are found, they must be assessed and a decision made whether they can be repaired or if they should be removed from use.
- Staff must observe for any improper use of equipment and toys by the children, and any challenging behavior managed appropriately.

Manager and staff must ask themselves the following when choosing replacement toys or equipment.

- Is the toy, play or activity appropriate for the ages and stages of the children's development?
- Does it feature positive images of people, male and female, range of ethnic and cultural groups, with and without disabilities?
- Is it of good quality and safe?
- Is it really necessary or required?
- Does it conform to relevant safety standards?
- Will the children enjoy using it?