**SELECTING TOYS AND EQUIPMENT**

The toys and equipment in the nursery provide opportunities for children, with adult help, to develop new skills and concepts in the course of their play and exploration.

The equipment we provide:

1. is appropriate for the ages and stages of development of the children.
2. offers challenges to developing physical, social, personal and intellectual skills.
3. features positive images of people, both male and female, from a range of ethnic and cultural groups, with and without disabilities.
4. includes a range of resources which can be used in a variety of ways and encourages an open-ended approach to creativity and problem solving.
5. will enable children, with adult support, to develop individual potential and move towards the early learning goals.
6. All new equipment conforms to all relevant safety regulations.
7. All equipment is sound and well made.

*This policy was adopted at a meeting of the nursery school held on*

*(date)……………………………..*

*Signed on behalf of the nursery school……………………………..*

*Understood and accepted by:*