

Cabbage Patch Preschool and Playgroup

Equipment

At cabbage Patch we ensure that all equipment is well maintained and safe for the children. All members of staff are aware of the high standards of safety and hygiene needed to ensure that all the children have a clean and safe environment.

Safety checks are very important and a risk assessment is followed every day by checking the toilets, kitchen, play area and outside. All staff members check equipment and toys when setting them out prior to any session ensuring they are clean and safe for the children to use. Any breakages or damages are reported to myself or Michelle the health and safety officer, we discuss whether to repair or remove. An inventory of all toys, equipment and furniture is kept.

When toys and play equipment are set out we make sure they are interesting and stimulating for the varied abilities of the children we care for. We allow enough for everyone to share and play with.

All members of staff have designated areas around the room for displays which cover the seven areas of learning. It is the staff members job to produce the wall displays with the children making sure they understand the messages conveyed. There are also explanatory wall displays which help parents / carers and students understand how we learn through play.

Equipment such as fire extinguishers are checked by a qualified inspector annually.

At the end of every term all equipment is thoroughly cleaned and re checked before storage.

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