

Environment Policy



Burton Pre-School Playgroup will provide a rich and varied environment which supports children's learning and development. It gives the children the confidence to explore and learn in a secure and safe, yet challenging, indoor and outdoor space.

The Outdoor Environment

- Being outdoors has a positive impact on children's sense of well-being and helps all aspects of children's development.
- Being outdoors offers opportunities for doing things in different ways and on different scales than when indoors. It gives children first-hand contact with the weather, the seasons and the natural world.
- Outdoor environments offer children freedom to explore, use their senses, and be physically active and exuberant.

The Indoor Environment

- The indoor environment provides a safe, secure yet challenging space for children.
- For some children, the indoor environment is like a 'second home', providing a place for activity, rest, eating and sleeping.
- The indoor environment contains resources which are appropriate, well maintained and accessible for all children.
- Indoor spaces are planned so they can be used flexibly and an appropriate range of activities is provided.

Through the two above environments we will provide emotional environment.

Selecting Equipment/Toys

The toys and equipment within playgroup provide children the opportunity to develop new skills and concepts in their processes of play and exploration.

The equipment we provide:

- Is appropriate for all ages and stages of the children.
- Offers challenges to developing physical, social, personal and intellectual skills.
- Features positive images of people both male and female, from a range of ethnic and cultural groups, with and without disabilities.

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- Includes a range of raw materials which can be used in a variety of ways, this encourages an open-ended approach to creativity and problem solving.
- Will enable children, with adult support, to develop individual potential and move towards required learning outcomes.
- Conforms to all relevant safety regulations and is in good working order and well made.

Policy for Health and Safety for Interest Table

All children are encouraged to contribute items for the interest table which is linked to our 'Topic of the Week' as we feel this is an important link between home and playgroup.

A member of staff will make sure all items displayed are safe for children to handle i.e. no broken or pointed items.

If the interest table consisted of nature items i.e. leaves, flowers or fircones the children are taught to respect and admire nature and not to mistreat such items.

If the children handle either perfumed candles or other such items a member of staff will ensure the children wash their hands after handling.