



## STARFISH NURSERY

### PLAY POLICY

Play is the learning environment for children. It is important that planning meets the needs of all the children at Starfish Nursery. The Nursery provides stimulating play in a safe but challenging environment so that children can develop their ideas and physical skills by:

- Exploring and creating (using imagination and thinking):
- Practicing (taking risks, making mistakes, repeating actions until confident to move to next step):
- Socialising (understanding rules of living and communicating their ideas with others).

Starfish Nursery play is planned to help children develop intellectually, creatively, physically, socially and emotionally.

#### Procedure:

1. Play is provided to cover the differentiation of the ages/stages/abilities of children attending Starfish Nursery.
2. Provision of activities will meet the EYFS requirements as set out in the 'Practice Guidance for the Early Years Foundation Stage'. (Copy available for parents/carers to read at the desk),
3. All children will be encouraged to join in all activities, including provision for SEN children to ensure suitable participation.
4. Starfish Nursery encourages positive images that promote non-stereotyped images in the selection of equipment and subjects for play.
5. We provide play both indoors and outdoors.
6. Starfish Nursery provides play that is child initiated (their own choice of what to do with equipment provided) and adult led (where staff lead the child into an activity to stretch their experience).
7. Staff members observe the children and build on this to support and extend the child's individual learning experience.
8. Starfish Nursery staff observe groups of children's interests and plan from these daily/weekly.
9. Parents/carers are encouraged to add their ideas for the provision of play both of their own child's needs and for the themed work in Starfish Nursery.
10. Children are encouraged to choose equipment that they would like out in their environment,

11. Starfish Nursery regularly reviews our play planning to:

- ❖ Remove those practices which discriminate, did not engage the children fully or do not meet EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) requirements.
- ❖ Add new ideas to meet current standards and innovations.
- ❖ Instigate training for staff to deliver better play opportunities.

This policy was adopted for Starfish Nursery.

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