

MARDEN PLAY SCHEME

9: Equipment

Our Play Scheme is committed to providing children with access to a wide range of equipment that stimulates enjoyment, learning and development, both indoors and outdoors.

All furniture, toys and equipment are kept clean, well maintained and in good repair and in accordance with BS EN safety standards or the Toys (Safety) Regulations (1995) where applicable.

Equipment will be properly maintained and inspected in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Levels of staff supervision will be sufficient to ensure that the safety of children is assured, and set according to the type of equipment being used, along with the ages and number of children involved in a given activity.

All equipment and resources will be selected with care, and risk assessments carried out before new toys and equipment are purchased, according to the principles of the Risk Assessment policy.

The Play Scheme has equipment and resources suitable for all children currently in attendance, including those with special educational needs, physical disabilities and for those for who English is not their first language.

The Play Scheme's equipment and resources (posters, audio/visual equipment, pens and paper) reflects positive images with regard to culture, ethnicity, gender, and disability.

Outside the Play Scheme's opening hours, all equipment will be kept in a suitable and secure location; safe from unauthorised access or use. When discovered, defective or broken equipment will be taken out of use and stored in a safe place before being disposed of. Flammable equipment will be stored in a safe location away from sources of heat and/or naked flames.

The Manager and Parish Council staff will be responsible for planning and reviewing the stock of equipment before Play Scheme commences each year.