



## 12. Equipment and Resources Policy

This policy was adopted by *Wigod Way Wallingford Family Centre* on January 2023.

**Wigod Way Wallingford Family Centre (WWWFC) is committed to providing children with access to a wide range of equipment that stimulates enjoyment, play, 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. All electrical toys and equipment are subject to PAT (Portable Appliance Testing), and relevant staff are aware of the correct use of computers and other IT equipment.

All equipment and resources will be selected with care, and risk assessments carried out before new toys and equipment are obtained.

WWWFC equipment and resources reflects positive images with regard to culture, ethnicity, gender, and disability.

Resources will, wherever possible, show men and women in a variety of roles and jobs, and people with different abilities being both active and creative. Examples of everyday life will portray people from a variety of family groupings and cultural backgrounds in a range of non-stereotypical roles.

The selection of books available will aim to include reference books, dual language books and a range of age-appropriate formats. Staff members are encouraged to select books that reflect a multicultural society, challenge stereotypes, and which meet the educational needs of the children.

WWWFC will have play equipment and resources that promote continuity and progression, provide sufficient challenge and meet the needs and interests of all children. The selection will include made, natural and recycled materials that are stimulating, clean, in good condition and safe for the children to use. Furniture will be provided that is suitable for children and adults.

Outside of WWWFC events, 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 removed immediately. Flammable equipment will be stored in a safe location away from sources of heat and/or naked flames.

