

## **EQUIPMENT/TOY SELECTION**

### **PRINCIPLE**

We strive to provide excellent play opportunities for the children in our care which includes ensuring that all aspects of their play are age appropriate.

### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

**Primrose Hill believes that:**

- Children will develop new skills and understanding from play which is age appropriate
- Children will become frustrated if play opportunities are too advanced or too simple for them
- It is important to select the correct balance of play

### **PROCEDURES**

Staff and managers should follow the guidelines below when choosing items for a group.

- Is the toy, play or activity appropriate for the ages and stages of the children's development?
- Does it feature positive images of people, male and female, range of ethnic and cultural groups, with and without disabilities?
- Is it good quality and safe?
- Is it necessary or required?
- Does it conform to relevant safety standards?
- Will children enjoy using it?