**SELECTING TOYS AND EQUIPMENT**

**This policy should be read in conjunction with: Equalities and Diversity Policy, Health and Safety Policy, Outings Policy, Safeguarding Children, Key-person Policy, Staffing and staff Deployment, Code of Conduct for parents and carers, and EYFS April 2017; all of which sets out the frameworks for supporting staff, parents, carers and children.**

The toys and equipment in Patcham Village Pre-school provide opportunities for children to develop new skills and concepts in the course of their play and exploration. The equipment we provide:

* Is appropriate for ages and stages of children.
* Offers challenges to developing physical, social and intellectual skills.
* Features positive images of people, both male and female, from a range of ethnic and cultural groups, with and without disabilities.
* Includes a range of raw materials which can be used in a variety of ways and 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 goals.
* Conforms to all relevant safety regulations and is sound and well-made.

This policy was reviewed on 28th July 2020 and replaces that which was adopted by Patcham Village Pre-school on 5th July 2019.

Signed by

Manager (Janet Hornsby)

Date: