

## HIRADDUG PLAYGROUP

### SELECTING EQUIPMENT AND TOYS GUIDANCE FOR POLICY AND PROCEDURE

The toys and equipment in the playgroup will provide opportunities for children, with adult help, to develop new skills and concepts in the course of their play and exploration. The equipment provided will:

- Be of high quality, educational and appropriate to the ages and stages of development of the children
- Be sufficient to enable each child to participate in quality play activities
- Be well laid out and well presented
- Offer a variety and self selection
- Offer challenges to developing physical, social, personal and intellectual skills
- Include a range of raw materials which can be used in a variety of ways and encourage an open ended approach to creativity and problem solving
- Enable children, with adult support, to develop individual potential and move towards required learning outcomes
- To be adapted as necessary to enable the participation of children with special needs
- Be available to all children regardless of gender
- Will take into account the cultural and religious wishes of parents
- Feature positive images of people, both male and female, from a range of ethnic and cultural groups, with and without disabilities.

Signed.....*Mr Jones*..... Date..... Review Date *JAN 09*

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