

Developmental Movement Play Policy

Statement of intent

Developmental movement play (DMP) is about helping young children to build & make use of their felt sense of themselves and the world they live in – the foundation for everything they will be and do on their future lives.

Little Acorns has a commitment to DMP and the principles it recognising that all practice has to follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

Aim

- To include opportunities for children to have spontaneous movement in everyday planning.
- To provide a safe and stimulating DMP environment and resources.
- To value and support the children's movement play experiences.
- To help children learn how to keep themselves and others safe.
- To notice and provide extra support when necessary
- To talk about careful arms and careful legs with children particularly children new to the setting.
- No shoes allowed – some younger children may need support.
- To clearly follow the Pre School's safeguarding policy, all staff have DBS checks carried out with current guidelines and all staff have attended universal safeguarding training as a minimum

Method

DMP shows why adult respect for children must include a respect for the movement behaviours which can be so readily labelled "silly". It also helps children to develop physical & emotional respect for each other.