

Little Treasures Nursery ICT Policy

ICT Statement

- Permeates all areas of the curriculum.
- Is crucial in helping children understand experience and make active contribution in an ever-changing technological world.
- Is crucial to child's development and lifelong learning.
- Children will be protected from the hazards of the Internet, as a firewall is active to prevent any unsuitable access.

Rationale

Children live in a rapidly changing technological world where technology is extending human abilities. Therefore we need to help prepare them to develop the appropriate life skills in a safe and supportive environment.

Equal Opportunities

All children will have equal access to ICT regardless of gender, race, culture, ethnicity, disability or class.

In the development of ICT we aim to:

- Encourage children to find out about the uses of technology in their everyday lives, use computers, use smartboard and familiar equipment to support their learning and communication.
- Be clear about how curricular learning outcomes and ICT link.
- Work in partnership with parents.
- Value the diversity in cultures and varying exposure to ICT children experience.
- Provide opportunities for children to use ICT equipment for a variety of purposes.
- Provide staff with appropriate ICT training.
- Integrate ICT within and across the Curriculum for Excellence.

Learning and Teaching

- We will promote a balance between adult directed activities and explorative play.
- We will provide a variety of ICT resources, activities and strategies to support and extend children's development and learning.

- Children will be encouraged to be active learners and develop curiosity.
- Staff will take cognisance of the spontaneous interests of the children and use the Learning & Teaching Scotland ICT paper to provide structure to ICT in the nursery.

Observation, Assessment, Recording & Reporting

Assessment of individual children's skills in using ICT will identify children's progress and development needs in line with local and national guidelines.

Planning

Long, medium and short term plans will include ICT. ICT will be planned for an integrated approach relating to the Curriculum for Excellence, local and national advice.

Health and safety

Health and Safety procedures regarding computer use and use of electrical equipment will be adhered to as set out in the procedures manual. Issues such as ergonomics, testing of equipment and timing on the computer for children will be addressed.

Resources

- We will regularly evaluate their effectiveness and quality, to ensure a high standard of ICT resources are available for use.
- Staff will be offered regular opportunities by the council to develop the necessary understanding update skills and develop effective strategies to implement this policy. Staff will work together to produce a set of guidelines to compliment this policy.

National Care Standards- A safe environment, Standard 2
Quality of experience, Standard 5
A caring environment, Standard 7
Access to resources, Standard 11