

Weapon & Superhero Play

Policy statement

Most children enjoy engaging in imaginative play that relates to, and makes sense of, the world that they live in. For lots of children (particularly boys) this imaginative play contains a strong element of weapon & superhero re-enactment. This can result in high levels of engagement for the children involved. Recent research suggest that children learn important lessons by exploring this type of play eg. good and bad, life and death, gender and identity etc.

Procedures

- We will support weapon and superhero play but discourage children bringing in toy weapons.
- Children will be supported in their wish to use our existing construction sets etc in making “weapons”. This way they will be challenging themselves, use methods to work out problems, their imaginations as well as working cooperatively with their peers.
- Staff will observe and monitor all play. They will encourage the children to come up with their own rules about what is and what is not acceptable and remind them of these when the rules are broken.
- Staff will explain and re-direct any play that becomes too physical or where inappropriate language is used.

Date to be reviewed:

Signed and dated
on behalf of the management