

PEMBURY SCHOOL HOUSE NURSERY

Superhero Play Policy

Statement of Intent

For children in our care to experience an environment where they are kept safe from harm; where they are aware and adhere to the boundaries of acceptable behaviour considering the feelings of others.

Aim

Our aim is to ensure that all children have the right to play responding to their interests and preferences; to be respected and supported in a way that the child can openly discuss a subject that may fascinate, confuse or even concern them. As practitioners we are responsible to be involved in such play whether taking part, giving suggestions or redirecting the play.

Methods

To meet this aim:

- **Practitioners will create an atmosphere in which all feelings and ideas can be safely expressed.**
- **Children will be unable to use toys bought in from home such as guns or swords.**
- **In the event of 'Superhero' play being chosen by children boundaries will be introduced. Any child NOT involved in the game would NOT be targeted, verbally communicated with (within the context of the game) or involved in any way. Rules and boundaries would have formally been discussed and agreed by all children and staff within the setting.**
- **In the event of continuous flouting of the rules the child will be asked to withdraw from the game for a set time.**
- **For those children participating; practitioners will ensure the play is supported and safe.**
- **Practitioners are required to intervene, explain and redirect should play become physical or inappropriate language being used.**
- **Parents will be informed and behaviour guidance techniques discussed if their child is frequently displaying aggressive behaviour.**

This policy was updated and adopted by the Trustees of Pembury School House Nursery.