**Sand Pit Policy**

Whilst sandpits can provide great play and learning opportunities they can also pose several health and safety risks.

* We will only use sand that is suitable for play and purchased from a recognised source.
* We will regularly ensure the sand is changed; in between we will sieve for foreign bodies. Toxoplasmosis can be spread from cats to humans through dirty sandpits. Toxoplasmosis can harm an unborn child but is usually a mild illness in children and adults. It causes a rash, swollen glands, fever and feeling unwell.
* We will ensure the sandpit has adequate drainage to prevent the sand from becoming water logged. Insects can live in damp sand and may bite or sting children.
* We will dispose of spilt sand.
* We will ensure the sandpit is covered to prevent it being used as a litter tray by cats and other visitors to the garden.
* We will ensure that the children are closely supervised whilst playing in the sandpit.
* We will teach them about keeping the sand low to avoid it getting in their own and other’s eyes.
* If you would like your child to wear a hat whilst playing in the sand please let us know.

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