

## Large Garden Equipment Policy

It is well known that exercise is vital to aid the physical development of young children and to encourage them to continue a healthy lifestyle into their adult years.

As an Ofsted Registered Childminder I encourage the children in my care to join in all sorts of different physical activities and provide a range of resources to make it fun and enjoyable.

In my garden and the local playground there are a range of large outdoor equipment. Whilst this provides lots of opportunities for developing new physical skills and enjoyment it also brings danger. Children need to learn about danger and risk taking, however in order to make my garden a safe environment and to reduce the risk of possible accidents I have put the following procedures in place:

- All minded children will be supervised by a responsible adult at all times
- Children will be taught the dangers of the equipment in a way that is suitable for their stage of development and understanding
- Children will be encouraged to take turns and share equipment
- The equipment will be checked/cleaned before use for animal faeces
- The equipment will be checked for wear and tear/ damage regularly and withdrawn from use if faulty.
- Children will be encouraged to participate but will not be made to do any activity that they are uncomfortable with, for example the climbing frame

If you have any concerns regarding your child using any piece of equipment in my garden please do discuss them with me.

Date policy was last reviewed	21/05/2016
This policy is due for review on the following date	21/11/2016

