



## Large Garden Equipment Policy

### Rationale

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

In my garden I have a range of large outdoor equipment. Whilst this provides lots of opportunities for developing new physical skills and enjoyment, it also brings with it some potential dangers. 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.

### Procedure

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- 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 the 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- The equipment will be checked for wear and tear/damage regularly and withdrawn from use if faulty.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.

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Action/Amendments to be taken following review	