



# Happy Days Childminding

## *Sandpit Policy*

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

- I will only use sand that is suitable for play and purchased from a recognised source.
- I will regularly ensure the sand is changed; in between I will sieve for foreign bodies and rinse through with a diluted sterilising agent if applicable. 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.
- I 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.
- I will dispose of spilt sand.
- I will ensure the sandpit is covered to prevent it being used as a litter tray by cats and other visitors to the garden.
- I will ensure that the children are closely supervised whilst playing in the sandpit.
- I will teach them about keeping the sand low to avoid it getting in their own and others eyes.
- If you would like your child to wear a hat whilst playing in the sand then please let me know.

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Parent(s)' name	
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Date policy was written	
This policy is due for review on the following date	