

## Little Treasures Nursery Sand Policy And Prevention of Contamination from Animals

### **Rationale**

Even with constant supervision it is possible that whilst exploring and playing with sand young children may get some in their eyes. So as adults we need to be cautious and take precautions to limit this happening. It is important that children, especially young children are kept safe and given the care they deserve whilst using this area.

### **Aims and Objectives**

- To protect children and staff whilst they are in our care at nursery.
- Staff should lead by example demonstrating safe ways to explore and play in the sand.

### **Implementation**

- The sand area will be supervised at all times when in use.
- Regular checks will be carried out of all sand toys, ensuring they are safe to use. Any considered to be unsafe will be removed and discarded.
- The sand pit will be covered with a net overnight to prevent contamination from animals.
- Before children enter the sand pit staff will check this area for hazards, i.e. sharp sticks, broken glass.
- The sand pit will be raked before and after each use.
- Staff will ensure children are made aware of the possible dangers of throwing sand and introduce this using the nurseries golden rules.
- Children will wash their hands with soap and warm water after use.
- Only child friendly play sand will be used.

- 'Scoot' repellent to be used on a monthly basis and after heavy rainfall (as per manufacturer's instructions) on all areas of outdoors, in particular the sand area.
- If animal prints found in garden staff have to immediately treat area with 'Scoot'

**In the event of a child getting sand in their eyes staff will encourage the child not to rub the eye. The child will then be taken to the bathroom and the affected eye shall be rinsed out.**

**Never use a tissue to wipe out the eye.**