

**Aim**

We accept that children often put things in their mouths and that they will occasionally ingest sand from the large sand pits. It is always our aim to keep the sand pit as clean and aerated as possible and to ensure the children have drinking water available

**To keep our sand pit clean we will:**

- Have a daily outdoor check list which will be done first thing in the morning, after lunch, and after tea when the children have been inside.
- Rake the sand to be confident that there are no unwanted foreign bodies in it.
- Use a wide rake working in straight lines leaving clearly visible marks. This will be done last thing at night so will quickly show the next morning if we have had any unwanted visitors.

**Tidying and storing equipment**

- We will involve the children in caring for our environment by putting all the equipment away at the end of the session
- We will have child sized brushes and dustpans available so that the children can help keep the sand tidy and in the sand pit.
- We will regularly wash the sand off the equipment and resources.

**Long term maintenance**

- We will regularly check the sand level and top up when needed.
- We will aerate the sand regularly with a garden fork to create air holes to prevent compacting
- We will disinfect the sand every six months using a weak solution of household disinfectant and a watering can sprinkle over the sand surface. We will do this on a Friday evening and use a hosepipe to water in the disinfectant or alternatively this will be done when it is raining.

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