



### **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 childcare provider, we encourage the children to join in all sorts of different physical activities and provide a range of resources to make it fun and enjoyable.

In our gardens, we have 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 to make our gardens a safe environment and to reduce the risk of possible accidents, we have put the following procedures in place:

- All minded children will be supervised by a responsible member of staff 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.
- The equipment will be checked for wear and tear/ damage regularly and withdrawn from use if faulty.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 our gardens, please do discuss them with us.