



## Play Risk Assessment for Sand Pit September 2024

### Encouraging Outdoor Play and Learning

At Drybrook Primary School, we recognize the importance of outdoor play as a crucial part of children's development. Engaging with natural materials like sand fosters creativity, enhances sensory experiences, and supports social skills. By providing safe and well-maintained outdoor environments, we encourage active, imaginative play that helps children explore and learn about the world around them while developing essential physical and cognitive skills.

### Aims for Sandpit Play

- Encourage imaginative and cooperative play.
- Support sensory exploration and creativity.
- Provide a safe environment where children can develop fine motor skills.

### Identified Risks

Hazard	Controls
Contamination (Animal faeces, debris)	- Cover the sandpit when not in use.
	- Regularly inspect and clean the sandpit.
Ingestion of sand	- Supervise children at all times.
	- Educate children on not putting sand in their mouths.
Sharp objects (glass, sticks, etc.)	- Inspect the sandpit before use for any sharp or dangerous objects.
	- Remove any found hazards immediately
Slips and trips around sandpit area	- Ensure the surrounding area is clear of obstructions.
	- Use non-slip surfaces around the sandpit.
Sun exposure (UV rays)	- Provide shaded areas or recommend hats and sunscreen during hot weather.
	- Encourage regular hydration.

### Review and Monitoring

- **Frequency:** Weekly checks of the sandpit.
- **Responsible Person:** Assigned staff member - caretaker
- **Record Keeping:** Weekly check document inspections and any incidents kept in the school office.

