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| **Department:** | **Service:** | | **Reference:** | |
| **Activity:*****Use of Outdoor Sand Pit*** | | **Site:** | | |
| **People at Risk:*****All staff, pupils and parents in the vicinity of the activity*** | | **Additional Information:** | | |
| **Name of Person Completing Form: Job Title: Date:** | | | | **Review Date:** |

| **Hazard** | **Risk** | **Initial Rating**  **L, M, H** | **Existing Control Measures** | **Final Rating**  **L, M, H** | **Additional Action Required**  **(action by whom and completion date – use separate Action Plan if necessary)** |
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| ***Contaminated sand*** | ***Hand to mouth contact*** | *H* | ***Sand is changed periodically or when known to be contaminated.***  ***Only washed sand is used for this activity.***  ***Containers for sand are cleaned with a suitable mild disinfectant such as Shield (using the caretaker’s supply).***  ***The sand pit is covered while not in use.***  ***Staff undertake a visual inspection of the sand for any signs of contamination prior to the children using it.***  ***The children are encouraged to wash their hands after playing in this area*** | *M* | ***In the case of permanent sand pit structures it should be assumed that the sand is contaminated by surface water. This does not mean that the sand pit should not be used but, instead, good hygiene practice, such as hand washing and the prevention of hand to mouth contact is essential.*** |
| ***Contact with container or surround of sand pit structure*** | ***injuries arising from collision*** | *M* | ***Children are supervised by staff or parents when using the sand pit.***  ***The number of children using the sand pit at any time is restricted and staff ensure that it is not exceeded.*** | *L* |  |
| ***Manual handling of sand*** | ***Sprains and strains***  ***Back injuries*** | *H* | ***Deliveries of sand are arranged to minimise manual handling. Suitable equipment, such as a sack trolley or wheel barrow, is available.*** | *M* |  |
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