As an Ofsted registered childminder, I encourage the children in my care to join in all sorts of different physical activities and I provide a range of resources to make it fun and enjoyable.

In my garden and on outings to places such as public playgrounds, children will have access to a range of large outdoor equipment. While this provides lots of opportunities for developing new physical skills and enjoyment, it also brings with it some potential dangers. Children need to learn about danger and risk-taking. However, in order to make my garden and playgrounds a safe environment and to reduce the risk of possible accidents, I have put the following procedures in place.

**Large Garden Equipment Procedure**

* All minded children will be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.
* Children will be taught to use equipment safely and any potential dangers will be explained in a way that is suitable for their stage of development and understanding.
* Children will be encouraged to take turns and share the equipment.
* The equipment will be checked/cleaned before use where necessary.
* The equipment will be checked for wear and tear/damage regularly and withdrawn from use if faulty.
* Children will only be allowed to access equipment that is recommended for their age and suitable for their physical ability.
* No large trampolines will be used by minded children, as these are not covered by my insurance policy.

Children will be encouraged to participate but will not be made to do any activity that they are uncomfortable with, for example using a climbing frame.