

RISK ASSESSMENT

Pre-Prep Play Area



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What is the Hazard? (anything that might cause harm)	How might the hazard cause harm?	Who is at risk? Pupil Staff Visitor Public	Risk Level? Low, Medium, High	What measures are already in place to prevent harm being caused?	What further action may be necessary to prevent harm (as far as is reasonably practical)	Action Req'd by (dept)
Uneven patio slabs	Trip and fall	Pupil/staff	Low	Pupil awareness, reporting to estates.		
Dog/fox waste	Toxocariasis	Pupil/staff	High	Daily check by adult on play areas before play.	Signs preventing dogs on school grounds.	
Mushrooms/berries	Poisoning	Pupils	Med	- Gardening staff digging up fungus and children barred from play area until treatment complete. - Children made aware of risk and told not to ingest.	Re- treatment and continued monitoring of possible regrowth.	
Trees	Climbing and falling	Pupils	Med	Children not allowed to climb up trees beyond first		

				step. Rule reinforced and monitored at playtime.	
Toy cupboards	Trapped fingers	Children	Low	Cupboard doors locked and the opening supervised by adults.	
Ride on toys	Bumping into others, trapping fingers Broken ride on toys could hurt children	Pupils	Low	- Reinforcement of playground rule – playing on the patio area. - Staff monitor condition of ride on toys - Reinforce rule of 1 child only in the barrel.	Children spread out with space on the playground and grass.
Blue barrel	Getting stuck, tipping over.				
Grass area	Children leaving area.	Pupils	Low	- Children made aware of boundaries and rules for leaving area - Children always supervised by adult on the grass.	
Bars	Falls and bumped heads.	Pupils	Low	Children aware of rule – only 4 children allowed at a time.	
Drains	Water overflows, and drain blocked.	Pupils, staff	Low	Requisitions to estates made on daily check of play area.	
Raised beds	Trips, protruding nails.	Pupils, staff	Med	- Requisitions to estates made on daily check of play area. - Area cordoned off if necessary.	
Benches	Loose wood due to wear and tear.	Pupils, staff	Low	Requisitions to estates made on daily check of play area.	
Sand pit	Possible animal waste, dirt.	Pupils	Low	Sand pit covered up daily after play time and checked by duty staff	

Decaying trees	Branches may fall off in gale force winds.	Pupils, staff	Med	- Monitoring of condition of tree by duty staff/gardeners. - Pupils kept away from trees in very high winds	Removal of tree by ground staff.
Infection Control					
Contracting virus by person-to-person contact	Spread of infections and viruses	Pupils Staff Visitors	Low	- Alignment with NHS, DfE or Regional Health Guidance that applies at the time - Pupils and staff advised not to turn in for school if displaying severe symptoms - Hand cleaning promoted and encouraged - Escalation in event of pandemic in line with national guidance at the time	
Contracting virus through proximity with others	Spread of infections and viruses	Pupils Staff Visitors	Low	Align with current NHS, DfE or regional health guidance on social distancing	
Contracting virus from contaminated surfaces	Spread of infections and viruses	Pupils Staff Visitors	Low	- Cleaning routines focusing on touch points - Sanitiser spray and wipes available to wipe down shared equipment	