

Outdoor Play

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Hazards	Who is at risk?	Current Control Measures	Additional Requirements	Timescale
Slips, trips and falls	Pupils Staff	<p>The play areas are regularly inspected for trip hazards such as damaged surfaces, loose ironmongery, ice, swelling caused by root growth etc.</p> <p>Wooden surfaces such as decking or gazebos are regularly inspected for build-up of algae, decay, loose nails/screws or visible damage.</p> <p>Walkways are</p> <p>Grass areas will be out of bounds during heavy rain to reduce slips.</p>	<p>Grass and loose surfaced play areas inspected following works that may have damaged the surface or removed loose surface materials.</p> <p>Dynamic risk assessment of changing weather.</p>	
Falls from height		<p>Annual detailed inspections are carried out by a competent person, who holds a current annual inspector card.</p> <p>Play equipment undergoes operational inspection by a competent person, inspections are recorded, and necessary repairs are made.</p> <p>Appropriate limits are put in place for pupil numbers on equipment.</p> <p>Pupils are trained in the safe use of play equipment.</p> <p>Use of play equipment is suitably supervised.</p> <p>Play equipment taken out of operation in bad weather where necessary.</p>	<p>Staff trained in the routine and operational inspection of play equipment.</p> <p>Continuous monitoring of incidents.</p>	

Cuts, lacerations, puncture wounds, “guillotines”		<p>Play areas swept for waste that may cause injury (screws/nails, glass, metal, syringes etc.)</p> <p>Equipment inspected for loose fittings, splinters, sharp edges, protruding nails etc.</p> <p>Doors locked/Held open to avoid trapped fingers and pinches. Bolts and latches inaccessible to children (raised or padlocked)</p> <p>Avoid play equipment with large exposed or unprotected moving parts that may cause crushing, entanglement or “guillotining” actions.</p>		
Equipment failure		<p>Play equipment is regularly inspected by a competent person, inspections are recorded, and necessary repairs are made.</p> <p>[Name of inspection provider] inspects equipment annually.</p> <p>Any equipment we suspect may be damaged or unsafe will be taken out of use and a thorough examination will be booked.</p> <p>Equipment not covered by [Name of inspection provider] inspections (portable equipment such as trikes, bats, sandpits, gross motor toys etc.) are regularly inspected by staff for damage or contamination (animal faeces etc.).</p> <p>Structures not covered by [Name of inspection provider] (sheds, playhouses, plant beds, mud kitchens etc.) are regularly inspected by staff for damage, and maintained where necessary.</p>	Incidents that occur at play are reviewed regularly, so that action can be taken if certain pieces of equipment result in disproportionately high injury numbers.	
Collisions etc.		<p>Pupils are regularly reminded about safe play.</p> <p>Play times supervised in line with this risk assessment.</p>		

		Staff reminded to be vigilant of pupils playing around them, especially reception or pupils using larger play equipment such as cars and wheelbarrows.		
Unsupervised incidents		<p>Staff supervision of play. Ratio of 1:XX</p> <p>Supervision ratios reviewed at least termly and following incidents or the introduction of new pupils.</p> <p>Playtime supervision ratios for Early Years are in line with the EYFS Statutory Framework.</p>		
Slips, trips and falls – adverse weather		<p>Grit walkways and drop-off areas prior to freezing temperatures and snowfall. Gritting will continue if freezing temperatures remain through the day.</p> <p>Clear walkways & drop off areas to be used after snowfall.</p> <p>Areas that cannot be cleared, or that are not essential for the running of the school, will be avoided by staff and pupils.</p> <p>The Head will decide on the day whether outdoor play is suitable.</p> <p>If outdoor play goes ahead, additional supervision may be required. This will be assessed by the Head based on severity of weather.</p> <p>Priority will be given to commonly used routes and slopes/staircases that cannot be avoided.</p> <p>Emergency exits and escape routes will be cleared, providing at least 1m walkways.</p> <p>Paths are maintained to avoid erosion of adjacent surfaces.</p>	<p>Staff are aware they are responsible for sticking to paths which are clear and safe to use, and will not attempt to use unsafe or obstructed paths.</p> <p>Staff able to assist with gritting/clearing paths etc. should be established prior to being required. This is so that they can be given appropriate training and where necessary, appropriate footwear.</p>	
First Aid		Staff with appropriate first aid training are available immediately.		

		<p>Staff have access to a full first aid kit, which is regularly checked to ensure the contents are in date.</p> <p>Where pupils have specific medical requirements, such as salbutamol or epinephrine, these are easily accessible while at play.</p> <p>Special attention is paid to pupils who have health conditions that can be exacerbated by play.</p>		
Struck by object/thrown items		<p>Pupils reminded about safe and sensible play</p> <p>Appropriate equipment for activity (i.e. footballs/tennis balls instead of hard plastic balls)</p> <p>Designated areas for certain activities where appropriate.</p>	Staff to remain vigilant around ball games etc.	

Initial Assessment Review Date	Risk Assessment assessed, reviewed by the following competent person:	Tasks and control measures reviewed by the Educational Directors:
Name (PRINT)		Name (PRINT):
Signature:		Signature: Date:
Next Review Date:	<p>Your workplace will change over time. You are likely to bring in new equipment, substances and procedures. There may be advances in technology. You may have an accident or a case of ill health.</p> <p>You should review your risk assessment:</p> <p>if it is no longer valid</p> <p>if there has been a significant change</p>	