

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment for:	Outdoor play and educational equipment and toys	Prepared by:	H&S Co-ordinator– S.L & V.D
		Assessed by SLT:	
Location:	ROSEWOOD FREE SCHOOL & AVENUES SITE	Date of Assessment	January 2025
		Review Date:	January 2027

Hazard	Who might be harmed?	Hazards Identified which may cause harm – consequence	Existing Level of Risk	Control Measure and Precautions Taken	Additional Control Measures or Further Action Required	Remaining level of Risk
Moving of equipment	Employees, third parties	Damage to backs, necks, shoulders and hips or feet whilst lifting. Musculoskeletal damage with lifting.	Med - 16	Minimum 2 adults to manoeuvre heavier equipment. Use trolleys and moving aid where necessary. Refer to your M&H training.		Med - 8
Storage of equipment and toys	Employees, Learners, third parties	Trips & falls causing bruising, cuts, bangs, musculoskeletal & bone damage	Med - 10	Store garden equipment adequately Clutter free and good housekeeping.	Ensure longevity of equipment with sufficient storage	Low - 5
Damaged equipment or toys	Employees, Learners, third parties	Damaged equipment may cause puncture wounds, splinters, scratches.	Med - 9	Checks that equipment or toys are safe to use before learners play with it – visual daily safety check. Put out of action and throw away unsafe equipment or toys. Garden wood furnishings maintained.	First aid actioned as necessary.	Low - 3
Any outdoor equipment	As above	Trips & falls causing bruising, cuts, bangs, musculoskeletal & bone damage. Damaged equipment may cause puncture wounds, splinters, scratches.	Med -10	Visual inspection of all equipment before use to ensure safe to use. Ensure clean. If necessary, dry for use.	First aid actioned as necessary.	Low - 5

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Sand play	Learners	Chance of infection including toxocariasis.	Med - 16	Adult supervision throughout sand play session for prevention of consumption. Sandpits should be securely covered when not in use. Visual inspection of sand pit and soon as the sand becomes discoloured or malodorous it should be removed and replaced.	Extra caution needed with sand play with learners with tracheostomy's. Wash hands after play.	Med - 8
		Sand in eyes causing irritation.	Low - 6			Low - 3
		Chocking /consumption sand.	High - 20			Med - 10
Water play	As above	Drowning.	High - 20	Adult supervision throughout water play session. Water tray should be washed with detergent and water and dried before refilling. The play water should be replenished either daily when in use and it should always be covered when not in use. Water toys suitable for water use and cleaned regularly.		Med - 10
		Stagnant water consumption/absorption of contaminants.	Med - 10			Low - 5
		Water in eyes causing irritation.	Low - 4			Low - 2

High likelihood of risk – Likely to occur immediately or in the near future
Medium likelihood of risk – will occur in time if no preventative action is taken
Low likelihood of risk – Remote or unlikely to occur

Date Reviewed	Comments
January 2021	Initial assessment
January 2022	Annual update
January 2022	Annual update
January 2024	Annual update
January 2025	Annual update