

# RISK ASSESSMENT

Department	Children and Families	Unit/Section	Corstorphine Primary School
Date of assessment	22/11/17	Assessor(s)	Lucy Henderson and Claire Thompson
What is the activity?	Project Play	Where is the activity carried out?	Back Playground

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	What further action is necessary?	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Done
Project Play	Children might be harmed if equipment becomes damaged or defective.	<p>Children only allowed on equipment with staff present. Children not allowed on equipment if too wet/slippy. Children are encouraged to report anything they see that concerns them.</p> <p>Equipment checked by Janitor/Business Manager/other staff regularly. Staff know to report issues to Business Manager/Janitor.</p> <p>New playground will be independently inspected by RoSPA on a quarterly basis. Jungle Gym will continue to be checked on an annual basis by Sport &amp; Play Scotland Ltd. Dynamic risk assessments will be undertaken throughout the day by staff particularly with regards to adverse weather conditions.</p> <p>Children to be trained in safe use of all aspects of project play.</p>	Daily visual inspections and dynamic risk assessments, more detailed weekly and monthly checks, quarterly independent inspections by RoSPA	All Staff & Play-ground Group	Ongoing	
Fences and Gate	Finger entrapment	<p>Children instructed not to climb on gates or fences.</p> <p>General supervision.</p>	General supervision	Supervising Staff	Ongoing	

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General Surface – Artificial Grass/ Pathways/Decking	Leaves may make surfaces slippery leading to slips and trips	Daily monitoring by janitor and playground maintenance group. Children are encouraged to report anything they see that concerns them.	Brushes to be made available to sweep up leaves etc.	All Staff & Play-ground Group	Ongoing	
Seating	Children may fall from the bench.	Children instructed not to stand on bench General supervision.	General supervision.	Supervising Staff	Ongoing	
Water Play- Pump	Children may have wet clothes/shoes.	Children trained in how to use the water pump and advised how to stay dry.	General supervision.	Supervising Staff	Ongoing	
	Stagnant water may lead to legionella	Water flushed through on a weekly basis and pump cleaned	The water pump will be included in monthly legionella checks.	Play-ground Group & BM/SSO	Ongoing	
Sandpit	Sand is generally clean and not supportive of pathogens, and is therefore inherently low risk. Children may get sand in their eyes, especially in windy conditions. The sand migrating onto macadam surface may cause slipping. This is especially of concern adjacent to the boulders edging the macadam surface, where the sand is	Sand is swept, loosened and topped up as and when required. The sand is swept from the macadam surface as required to ensure it does not become slippery. Daily dynamic risk assessment carried out by playground maintenance group. Children are encouraged to report anything they see that concerns them. If found, contamination is removed immediately followed by disinfecting if required. Consideration will be given to covering the sand with netting should contamination by animal faeces become a recurring problem.	Daily visual inspections and dynamic risk assessments, more detailed weekly and monthly checks, quarterly independent inspections by RoSPA  Brushes, rakes disposable gloves and bags to be made readily available  Bins to be provided in the area	All Staff & Play-ground Group	Ongoing	

	<p>most likely to accumulate. Children could become ill or injured by coming into contact with sand contaminated by mould, faeces or glass.</p> <p>Children may collide with boulders by falling from one to another or by tripping into them, especially head first. Sharp edges are commonplace in the built up environment, in places such as the corner of the school building where children can run past and fall into the wall, but the boulders are placed such that children are more likely to encounter them.</p>					
Climber	<p>That children will fall off the equipment. Children may get their legs caught in the ropes.</p>	<p>Children only allowed on equipment with staff present. Children not allowed on equipment if too wet/slippy</p>	<p>General supervision.</p>	<p>Supervising Staff</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
Multiplay	<p>There is a risk of falling from height during busy periods.</p>	<p>Children only allowed on equipment with staff present.</p>	<p>General supervision.</p>	<p>Supervising Staff</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

	<p>The children may play a game of attempting to push each other off, which may lead to an unprepared child being pushed off, deliberately or accidentally. Injuries sustained may involve broken bones and complex fractures. Head injuries could be sustained if falling upon the timber edging.</p> <p>Gravel could become displaced with regular use</p>	<p>Supervisors monitor the children's behaviour and consider intervention when boisterous activity is combined with high numbers of users.</p> <p>Children not allowed on equipment if too wet/slippy</p>	<p>Daily visual inspections and dynamic risk assessments, more detailed weekly and monthly checks, quarterly independent inspections by RoSPA</p> <p>Brushes, rakes disposable gloves and bags to be made readily available</p>	All Staff & Play-ground Group	Ongoing	
Natural Play – logs	<p>Children may fall from the logs due to the uneven surface.</p>	<p>Children only allowed on equipment with staff present.</p> <p>Supervisors monitor the children's behaviour and consider intervention when boisterous activity is combined with high numbers of users.</p> <p>Children not allowed on equipment if too wet/slippy</p>	General supervision.	Supervising Staff	Ongoing	
Playhouse	<p>Children eat mud</p> <p>Children might get muddy.</p>	<p>Discuss rules and that they shouldn't eat the mud.</p>	General supervision.	Supervising Staff	Ongoing	
Willow Tunnel	<p>There is a risk of injury from stray or broken branches, especially</p>	<p>Willow checked on daily and weekly basis with any remedial works undertaken when identified. Large annual harvest and</p>	<p>Daily visual inspections and dynamic risk assessments, more detailed</p>	All Staff & Play-ground Group	Ongoing	

	when they occur at eye height. Branches from the willow could be broken off and used as weapons in over boisterous play. The risk of injury may increase if the willow is not regularly maintained.	weaving takes place over the winter months	weekly and monthly checks, quarterly independent inspections by RoSPA			
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Manager's name	Lucy Henderson	Signature	<i>Lucy Henderson</i>
Date	22/11/17	Assessment review date	19/2/18

**Are other specific risk assessments required?**

Asbestos	<input type="checkbox"/>	Control of Substances Hazardous to Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	Display Screen Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electricity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lone Working	<input type="checkbox"/>
Manual Handling	<input type="checkbox"/>	New and Expectant Mothers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Noise	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Protective Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stress Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vibration	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Workplace Health, Safety and Welfare	<input type="checkbox"/>	Working at Height	<input type="checkbox"/>