



Use of Outdoor Play Equipment Risk Assessment

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PROCESS/ACTIVITY	HAZARDS IDENTIFIED	PERSONS AT SIGNIFICANT RISK	EXISTING CONTROLS	ARE EXISTING CONTROLS ADEQUATE?	WHAT ADDITIONAL CONTROLS ARE REQUIRED?
Pupils using equipment under staff supervision	Accident occurs (physical hazard) e.g. falling badly causing bad bruising/broken wrist	Pupils	– Safe design of play space. – Satisfactory pupil / supervisor ratios.	Y	
Pupils using equipment in an inappropriate manner increasing the risk of injury	Accident occurs	Pupils	– Satisfactory pupil / supervisor ratios.	Y	
Unstable/broken equipment	Accident occurs due to unsafe equipment	Pupils	– Staff supervisor on duty carries out a quick visual safety check before pupils allowed on equipment. – Weekly inspection of outdoor play equipment by Premises Manager. – Gym and equipment maintenance contract with Surrey Twelve15 includes equipment used at playtimes. Annual service, latest service 04/04/2023. Next service booked for 09/04/2024.	Y	

			– Reporting and ability to take equipment out of use when faulty.		
Trespass onto school grounds	Incorrect use of equipment. Unsupervised. Leading to a fall causing injury	Local children. Pupils outside normal supervised school hours	– All gates to rear of school grounds where equipment located kept securely locked. – Pedestrian gate opened at 8.30am and locked at 8.55am. – Gate remains locked until 3.10pm and then opened until 3.30pm for parents to collect their children.	Y	
Trespass onto school grounds	Vandalism – broken glass left lying around. Vandalism to actual equipment	Local children. Pupils outside normal supervised school hours	– Visual check by Supervisor before pupils allowed to use equipment. – All gates to rear of school grounds where equipment located kept securely locked against unauthorised persons on school grounds	Y	
Animals trespass onto school grounds	Animal waste – potential illness or disease from exposure to waste from animals such as foxes, deer, cats, dogs that have entered school grounds	All users	– Visual check by Supervisor before pupils allowed to use equipment. – Every morning Premises Manager carries out a check of the school grounds.	Y	
Large number of pupils want to use the equipment at the same time	Overcrowding – increasing risk of an accident	Pupils	– Staff supervisor always on duty when equipment in use.	Y	
Pre-school age non pupils using equipment (i.e. pre-school children when parents picking up)	Use of equipment by children who are too young, outside specified age for equipment	Pre-school age siblings of pupils	– Outdoor equipment that for pupils of the school only.	Y	