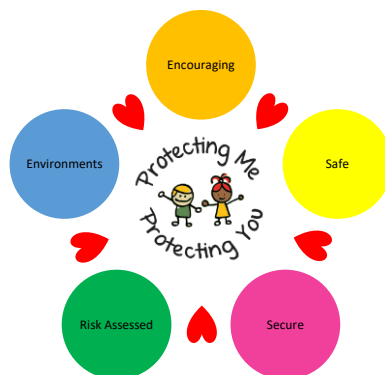


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Nursery Activities: Outdoor Play						
Activity	Hazard	Potential Loss	Risk	Person at Risk	Control measures	Additional Measures
Climbing frame	Falls slips	Bumps Bruises Sores Cuts Broken bones	2 (1x2)	Children	Equipment is checked prior to use to ensure all parts are safe and secure. Staff supervision Awareness of appropriate resource use	Ongoing monitoring Daily maintenance checks
Climbing blocks freestanding (Construction)	Falls Slips Trips Trapped fingers Injury through heavy items	Bumps Bruises Sore fingers	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Children to be made aware of the risks of trapped fingers. Shown how to move and position blocks safely. Blocks and tubes to be checked	Ongoing monitoring Daily checks



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					by staff each day for dirt or cracks. No access to stand alone equipment in heavy rain. Equipment to be assessed/dried after periods of rain.	
Crates and planks, wooden building blocks, tyres	Slips Trips Falls Knocks	Bumps Bruises Sore fingers Broken bones	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Children have a safety talk prior to using the equipment and agree how to use it safely. Daily reminders are given about assessing the risk in their play. Weather conditions to be considered when accessing the equipment. Area to be monitored to ensure surroundings are clear and surface is flat. All equipment is checked regularly to look for damage.	Ongoing monitoring Daily checks.
Basketball hoop	Trips Falls Knocks	Bumps Bruises	1 (1x1)	Children	Post is moved into the side garden area during high winds.	Ongoing monitoring

					Base is checked regularly.	Daily checks.
Stage	Falls Slips Trips	Bumps Bruises Cuts	2 (1x2)	Children	Children to be aware of steps and aware of how to walk down them safely Area to be monitored	Ongoing monitoring Daily checks.
Amphitheatre	Slips Trips Falls	Bumps Bruise Broken bones	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Children to be made aware of the risks of using amphitheatre as stairs. Staff regularly remind children of how to use amphitheatre.	Ongoing monitoring Daily reminders
Loose Parts	Falls Slips Trips Trapped fingers Injury through heavy items	Bumps Bruises Sore fingers Broken bones	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Children to be made aware of the risks of trapped fingers. Shown how to move and position blocks safely. Blocks and tubes to be checked by staff each day for dirt or cracks. No access to stand alone equipment in heavy rain.	Ongoing monitoring Daily checks



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					Equipment to be assessed/dried after periods of rain.	
Chute	Falls Burns Splinters	Bumps Bruises Sore skin Broken bones	2 (1x2)	Children	Children to be made aware of the risks of chute. Awareness of use of equipment. Adults should check chute is safe to use.	Ongoing monitoring Daily checks
Toys/resources	Cuts Scrapes Cross contamination	Bumps Bruises	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Adults should ensure that all areas of equipment are tidied and secure at end of sessions. Adults should check all equipment and resources and anything broken or damaged should be removed / replaced. Adults should wash down equipment weekly	Ongoing monitoring Daily checks.
Play on Pedals (Bikes)	Slips Trips Falls	Bumps Bruises scrapes Injury to body parts Broken bones	2 (1x2)	Children	Continuous checks. All children to have a safety talk before using the equipment and numbers are restricted to avoid collisions	Ongoing monitoring Daily checks.

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					Bike/ scooter play should be limited within the session. Adults should support children to devise ways to be safe and fair. Children should wear safety helmet. See separate full ride on toys risk assessment	
Ball Games	Slips Trips Falls	Bumps Bruises scraps Injury to body parts Broken bones	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Continuous checks. Adults should discuss risk and expectations around keeping safe and sharing. Balls that go over fences can be retrieved by adults when it is safe to do so.	Ongoing monitoring
Mud Kitchen	Slips Trips Falls Dirt in body parts Cross contamination	Broken bones Bruises Cuts Scratches Skin/eye irritation illness	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Daily checks. Adults should ensure that digging / growing equipment is appropriate and safe. This should be checked at the	Ongoing monitoring Daily checks.



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					beginning and end of each session. Adults should ensure that only appropriate soil is used. Adults should ensure that children wear or adjust their clothing appropriately for digging/growing activities. Adults should ensure that tools are cleaned weekly. No access to stand alone equipment in heavy rain. Equipment to be assessed/dried after periods of rain. See separate full Mud Kitchen Risk Assessment.	
Boat/Canoe	Slips Trips Drowning	Broken bones Bruises Cuts Scratches Death	2 (1x2)	Children	Adults should ensure that boat is not filled with water and draining holes are not clogged.	Daily checks Ongoing monitoring



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					Boat is checked regularly to look for damage.	
Imagination Log	Slips Trips Trapped fingers	Broken bones Bruises Cuts Scratches Sore fingers	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Children to be made aware of the risks of trapped fingers and knees.	Daily checks Ongoing monitoring
Outdoor woodwork	Bumps Jammed fingers Cut fingers Damaged/injured body parts Sore feet Swallowing Trips Falls	Bumps Cut fingers Bruises Cuts Sores Piercings Bleeding Choking/Death	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Staff supervision Awareness of appropriate resource use Appropriate footwear in activity area Staff encouraging regular tidying of resources	Ongoing monitoring Staff offer resources to appropriate ratio of children they feel confident to work with
Sensory Garden	Swallowing Placed in body origins Slips Falls	Choking Lodged items Death Bumps Bruises Pricks/cuts to body parts and/or eats berries/seeds/plants.	2 (1x2)	Children	Adults should ensure garden is cleared of any dangerous plants and that any plants with thorns are trimmed back. Explicitly teach children that things in the garden/yard are NOT to be picked and eaten unless a teacher has told/helped you and it has been washed and prepared.	Daily checks Ongoing monitoring

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					Adults should check the garden before and at the end of sessions as berries and fungus can grow in different seasons and should immediately secure any areas that so need it. Adults should log any concerns in the site managers log book for immediate attention / removal.	
Den Building	Splinters Trips Falls Cuts Bruises Head bumps	Trips Falls Sore fingers concussion laceration or strangulation from dangling or suspended ropes, crush injuries from risk of shelters collapsing.	2 (1x2)	Children	Children are taught safe and effective knots as part of the rope is made in a bright colour (e.g. blue) so it stands out in the woodland environment, or hazard tape attached to guy ropes to ensure they are visible. All children, helpers and practitioners are involved in setting up shelters at "camp" so are aware of their location	Regular checks Ongoing



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					Majority of shelters made using light weight tarpaulin. If high winds occur and shelters look unstable, they will be taken down or session will be terminated	
Water Play	Trips Falls Cuts Bruises Head bumps Wet clothing Wet floor area causing sliding/slipping	Water in eyes Broken bones Bruises Cuts Concussion Sore skin	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Adults should encourage children to wear apron or have adjusted their clothing appropriately for water play. Adults should re-fill various tubs / buckets and troughs deep with water daily and before the start of each session. Adults should ensure that children should not carry water from inside to outside during the session in order to avoid hazards and slips. In the event of wet clothing adults should encourage children to get dry and clean, changing into their	Daily checks Ongoing monitoring



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					own spare clothes which should be kept in their nursery bag. Adults should discuss how water changes the outdoor learning environment and surface areas and assess risk together.	
Sand Play	Trips Falls Cuts Bruises Head bumps Cross contamination Sand throwing	Broken bones Bruises Cuts Scratches Illness Sand in eyes/eye irritation	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Adults should check that the sand is clean and safe at the beginning and end of each session. Adults should check wooden stopper and encourage children to be careful when stepping over it Adults should ensure that only play sand to be used and changed when it becomes contaminated. Adults should ensure that the surrounding surface areas are safe from skidding on sand.	Daily checks. Ongoing monitoring



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					Adults should supervise children to tidy way split sand with dust pan and brushes. Adults should explain and discuss the dangers and risks of throwing sand.	
Picnics	Food poisoning Allergic reaction Choking	Stomach ache Sickness Hives Anaphylactic shock Difficulty breathing Death	2 (1x2)	Children	Adults should ensure children are seated whilst eating food in the garden. Adults should ensure children and staff follow nursery hand washing policy. Staff check allergy paperwork	Regular checks Ongoing monitoring
Trips & Falls	Trips Falls Cuts Bruises Head bumps Scrapes	Broken bones Bruises Cuts Scratches Sore body parts	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Adults should ensure that equipment and resources are stored appropriately and safely and are not left lying on the floor. Adults should supervise the organisation of resources and encourage children to 'choose it, use it and put it away.'	Continuous checks. Ongoing monitoring

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Toilets	Trips Falls Cuts Bruises Head bumps Cross contamination Safeguarding Finger trapping External visitors/workers	Broken bones Bruises Cuts Scratches Death Slips on wet floor Illness Privacy policy followed by all staff	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Supervised area and children taught how to use facilities safely. Area monitored and mopped regularly. Doors closed appropriately according to Care Inspectorate guidance Children not to use toilets when external visitors and to use the other playroom toilets	Hourly checks Staff and day cleaners Ongoing monitoring
Rubbish, broken glass & bins	Slips Trips falls	Cuts Bruises Broken bones	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Adults should ensure all of the outside area is checked/swept/tidied at the beginning and end of each session. Any rubbish put in the safe bins according to the object. FM staff should ensure bins are emptied regularly.	Daily checks. Ongoing monitoring
Animal Faeces	Toxocariasis	Blindness	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Adults should ensure that the outside area is checked and cleaned before going out.	Daily checks Ongoing monitoring

					Adults should alert Facilities Manager to safely remove anything that should not be in our outside area. Adults should encourage children to wash their hands regularly and certainly before snack.	
Animals in the outdoor area	Touching Biting Stings Allergy	Cuts Pierced skin Skin irritation Hives	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Adults should carry out checks before and after each session for any creatures habituating in the outdoor area Adults should assess the risk of any creatures and discuss these with children. In the event of touching / biting / stinging adults should supervise correct health and safety / first aid procedures immediately	Daily checks Ongoing monitoring
Weather changes (Hot Days)	Sunburn Sunstroke Dehydration Heat Stress	Burns Blisters Dehydration	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	The outdoor learning environment should be available to children all day.	Daily checks Ongoing monitoring



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					Adults should ensure that all children are wearing appropriate clothing for the weather. In accordance with nursery policy adults should ensure parents apply sunscreen to their child before coming into nursery. Children can keep labelled sun cream/use of nursery sun cream for adults to apply throughout the day. Children encouraged to wear a sun hat. Children and Staff must have access to clean, cool water throughout the day. Adults should encourage all children to wear sun hats outside and/or spend time in shaded areas/under canopy	
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					Sun Safe Policy in place to encourage parents to apply sun cream before session In extreme weather garden area will not be used (high temperatures) Relax work wear to allow staff to keep cool throughout the day UV advice in place	
Weather changes (Extreme Cold days) -leaves, ice	Slips Wet clothes Drowning Thermal Stress Respiratory illness	Broken bones Bruises Cuts Hypothermia	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	The outdoor learning environment equipment/resources should be available to children all day. Daily risk assessment will be carried out before taking children into the garden In extreme weather the garden area will not be in use. Flooring kept dry and maintained where present	Daily Checks Ongoing monitoring



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					All staff trained to maintain good housekeeping standards Adults should ensure that all areas of equipment are secured and tidied at the end of each day to protect from changing weather conditions. All children should be wearing appropriate clothing for the weather – waterproofs, wellington boots, hats, scarves and gloves All staff should wear appropriate footwear when outdoors Personal Protective equipment such as thermal clothing waterproof jacket, thermal hat and gloves supplied (Staff are able to wear their own thermal comfort garments and	
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					footwear if they wish however must be able to maintain thermal comfort throughout the day) Heated rest/welfare area to be provided for staff with hot and cold water. Adults should discuss changes in weather and its affects to the outdoor area with children. Adults should assess risk to the outdoor surface areas and equipment in order to determine which equipment/areas should remain under cover. FM should make sure nursery garden is gritted appropriately.	
Garden Fences	Trapped fingers and limbs	Broken bones Cuts bruises Cuts from broken edges. Splinters in body parts	2 (1x2)	Children	Adults should check before and at the end of every session for any obvious damage. If there is anything, this should be logged in	Daily checks. Ongoing monitoring



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					the FM staff log book for further and immediate inspection/repair.	
Garden Sheds	Resources falling from height Trips Falls Cuts Bruises Head bumps	Bruises Bumps Concussion Trips Falls Slips Cuts Broken bones Bruises Scratches Death	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Adult should check shed doors are closed and secured when not in use and at the beginning and end of sessions. Children are aware they are not allowed to go inside the shed and it is just for adults to go inside. Resources within shed should be kept tidy and reasonably organised.	Daily checks. Ongoing monitoring
Garden Gates	Child leaving setting Stranger entering setting Bumps Bruises Trapped body parts	Missing child Trips Falls Body part injury Road accident	2 (1x2)	Children	Adults who set up outside and tidy up outside before the beginning and end of each session should check that the gates are in working order and is secure. All adults should supervise throughout day. If access/exit is needed via gates, a staff member must	Regular daily checks. Ongoing monitoring



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					supervise the gate and should not be distracted. If visitors need assistance then they should be passed to another adult. Ensuring all three locks are in place to lock side gate	
Doorways and Exit points broken	Potential Fire hazard Trips Falls	Lose children from setting Unknown children/adults enter setting Unable to exit the setting during a fire.	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Adults who set up outside and tidy up outside before the beginning and end of each session should check that the door is in working order. Supervision throughout day should continue. Fire exit maps should be put on the wall in good view. All practitioners should know alternative routes.	Daily checks. Ongoing monitoring
Doorways and Exit points blocked	Potential Fire hazard Trips Falls	Trapped Trips Falls Body part injury	2 (1x2)	Children Staff Visitors	Adults and children will ensure doorways and exit points are	Regular checks Ongoing monitoring



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					never blocked with toys of resources. Children will be encouraged to tidy up as they play to ensure there is no breach to health and safety	
Appropriate Footwear	Trips Falls Cuts Bruises Head bumps	Bruises Bumps Concussion Trips Falls Slips Cuts Broken bones Bruises Scratches	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Adults to ensure that they and children are wearing appropriate footwear and outerwear for the range of weather conditions that outdoor learning presents.	Daily Check Ongoing monitoring
Paddling Pools	Trips Falls Cuts Bruises Head bumps Wet clothing Wet floor area causing sliding/slipping Death	Water in eyes Broken bones Bruises Cuts Concussion Sore skin Drowning	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	All children to have a safety talk before going into the garden where the paddling pool will be. Paddling pool is checked prior to use to ensure all parts are safe and secure. Staff member will be solely based on supervising the paddling pool at all times.	Ongoing monitoring



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					No more than 4 children in the paddling pool at the one time. (Depending on size of paddling pool) Pool will be covered when not in use (but still supervised). No obstructions in or around the paddling pool. If needed, steps into the paddling pool, staff will support children when accessing the pool Paddling pool will be emptied at the end of everyday as it will be unsupervised at night	
Fence in good repair and secure	Cuts from broken edges. Splinters in body parts.	Bruises Bumps Trips Falls Slips Cuts Broken bones Scratches	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Daily checks. Staff should check before and at the end of every session for any obvious damage. If there is anything, this should be logged in the nursery log book for further and	Regular checks Ongoing monitoring



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					immediate inspection/repair.	
Weather changes: Very hot day.	Sunburn/sunstroke/dehydration	Burns Dehydration	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Daily checks. The outdoor learning environment should be available to children all day. Staff should ensure that all children are wearing appropriate clothing for the weather. In accordance with EYC policy. Staff should ensure parents apply sunscreen to their child before coming into EYC. Children can keep labelled sun cream in nursery suncream box for reapplication throughout the day. Children must have access to clean, cool water throughout the day. Staff should encourage all	Ongoing monitoring Staff aware of UV levels Indoors and outdoors fee flow should be operational Staff will use their knowledge to decide if children should come inside for a while away from the sunshine



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					children to wear sun hats outside and/or spend time in shaded areas/under canopy.	
Weather changes: Rain/ ice / snow on surface (especially wet leaves).	Sliding/slipping. Damage to outdoor equipment/resources	Bruises Bumps Trips Falls Slips Cuts Broken bones Scratches	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Daily checks. The outdoor learning environment should be available to children all day. Staff should ensure that all areas of equipment are covered and secured with tarpaulin at the end of each day to protect from changing weather conditions (if applicable) Staff should ensure that all children are wearing appropriate clothing for the weather. Staff should discuss changes in weather and its affects to the outdoor area with children. Staff should assess risk to the outdoor surface	Ongoing monitoring

					areas and equipment to determine which equipment/areas should remain under cover.	
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	Likelihood that hazardous events will occur		Consequences	Risk rating	Action
1	very unlikely	1	insignificant – no injury	20-25	Stop – stop activity and take immediate action
2	unlikely	2	minor – minor injuries needing first aid	15-16	Urgent action – take immediate action and stop activity if necessary, maintain existing controls rigorously
3	fairly likely	3	moderate – up to three days absence	8-12	Action – improve within specified timescale
4	likely	4	major – more than seven days absence	3-6	Monitor – look to improve at next review or if there is a significant change
5	Very likely	5	catastrophic - death	1-2	No action – no further action but ensure controls are maintained and reviewed