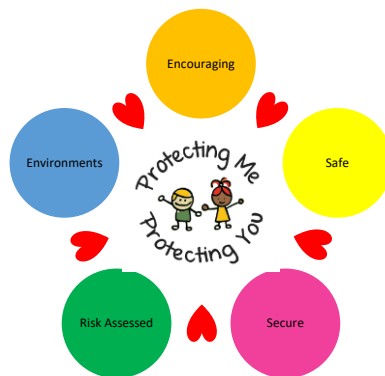


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Date October 2025



Nursery Activities:
Mud Kitchen

Activity	Hazard	Potential Loss	Risk	Person at Risk	Control Measures	Additional Measures
Contact with soil	Dirt in body parts Cross contamination Ingesting soil	Skin/eye irritation illness	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Provide hand washing facilities during and after play Establish good handwashing routines. Children encouraged to follow a no consumption routine in this area	Ongoing monitoring
Soil contamination	Dirt in body parts Cross contamination Ingesting soil	Skin/eye irritation illness	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Daily checklist Soil should be checked for contaminants daily, before play	Ongoing monitoring

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					This is part of the daily checklist Children follow the no consumption rule in this area Not using manure or any chemicals on the garden or surrounding areas.	
Washing hands	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	Provide washing facilities and at times of extreme mud, provide rinsing facilities outside. Staff to monitor floor areas for water and mop up when necessary.	Ongoing monitoring
Washing up utensils, equipment	Manual handling Moving pots and pans Falls Slips Trips Trapped fingers Injury through heavy items	Bumps Bruises Sore fingers Broken bones	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Ensure buckets and baskets are not overloaded. Provide low storage for pots and pans. Staff to oversee manual handling and model safe techniques.	Ongoing monitoring

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					Staff to dispose of any equipment that is no longer fit for purpose or has become weather beaten.	
Water	Drowning Contamination 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	Containers provided do not allow children to fall in. Staff to supervise where large tubs are in use and do not fill deeply. Staff to monitor area during prolonged heavy rain. Water containers are emptied at the end of each session/ day so they do not go stagnant. Water containers are emptied regularly and check for contaminants. Children are encouraged to	Ongoing monitoring

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					follow a no consumption routine in this area. Children are made aware of the hazards of stagnant water.	
Wet/dirty clothes	Wet clothing	Sore skin	2 (1x2)	Children	Children wear nursery wellies at the setting. Nursery has a supply of spare clothes. Children are encouraged to wear appropriate outdoor clothing. Parents asked to supply spare clothes.	Ongoing monitoring
Gravel, pebbles, woodchip or other pieces of natural material	Slips Trips Falls Choking Dirt in body parts Cross contamination	Broken bones Bruises Cuts Scratches Skin/eye irritation Illness Death	2 (1x2)	Children	Any children who are likely to explore putting things into their mouths are identified and given greater supervision in this area	Ongoing monitoring

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					Children encouraged to follow a no consumption rule in this area Staff ensure area grounds are swept up regularly Staff termly do risk assessment to check amount of bark in the area	
Using plants and other foraged natural materials	Swallowing Placed in body origins Ingesting or absorption of poisonous plants Allergies	Choking Lodged items Death Pricks/cuts to body parts and/or eats berries/seeds/plants.	2 (1x2)	Children	Raise the risk of eating plants. Plants within the play area are chosen carefully. Staff to remove hazardous plants. Children encouraged to follow a no consumption rule in this area. Children encouraged to wash their hands after play.	Ongoing monitoring

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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