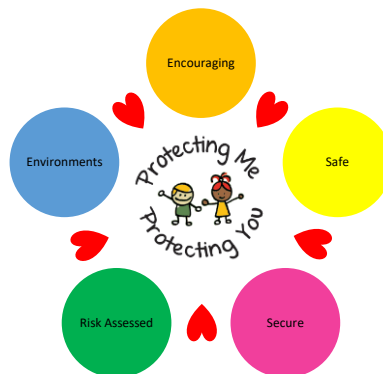


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Date	October 2025
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Nursery Activities: Fine Motor Area

Activity	Hazards	Potential Loss	Risk	Person at Risk	Control Measures	Additional Measures
Cleaning	Cross contamination & Hygiene		3 (3x1)	Staff Children	Ensure all furniture, cupboards, fixtures are cleaned and sanitised continuously throughout the day Daily/Weekly clean of resources Regular hand washing throughout the day by staff and children	Ongoing monitoring Continual following of government guidance and policy
Tables & Chairs	Falling over Jammed fingers	Bumps Bruises	3 (2x1)	Staff Children	Round edged furniture	Ongoing monitoring

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		Sores Cuts			Chairs tucked in under tables Anti-tilt legged chairs	
Scissors	Cut fingers Cut body parts Cut hair	Cuts Skin loss Bleeding Hair loss	2 (1x2)	Children	Staff supervision at all times Awareness of appropriate use of scissors	Ongoing monitoring Staff reinforcing scissor rule
Paper punch	Jammed fingers	Cuts Skin loss Sore fingers	2 (1x2)	Children	Staff supervision Awareness of appropriate resource use	Ongoing monitoring
Magnetic Letters/numbers	Swallowing	Sickness Choking Stomach pains Injury to internal organs Potential death	2 (1x2)	Children	Staff supervision Awareness of appropriate resource use Resource checked prior to use	Ongoing monitoring
Units/cupboards	Trips Falls Jammed fingers	Bumps Bruises Sore fingers	2 (1x2)	Children	Round edged furniture Staff supervision Locked doors where appropriate	Ongoing monitoring
Number line	Choking	Choking Potential Death	2 (1x2)	Children	Staff supervision Awareness of appropriate resource use	Ongoing



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					Resource checked prior to use	
Sticky tape dispenser	Cut fingers Grazed skin	Cuts Grazes Bleeding Skin loss	2 (1x2)	Children	Staff supervision Awareness of appropriate resource use	Ongoing monitoring Staff ensuring dispenser is secured to unit and has safety guard attached
Games and Puzzles	Slips	Bumps Bruises	2 (1x2)	Children	Staff supervision at all times Properly use of resources	Ongoing monitoring
Marbles/Small Pegs	Swallowing	Chocking	2 (1x2)	Children	Staff supervision at all times Marbles to be counted and only small amounts out at any one time monitored by staff	Ongoing monitoring
Battery Toys	Swallowing	Choking	2 (1x2)	Children	Staff supervision at all times	Ongoing monitoring
Windows and Ledges	Trips Falls Bumps Cuts	Bumps Bruises Lacerations	2 (1x2)	Children	Staff supervision	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