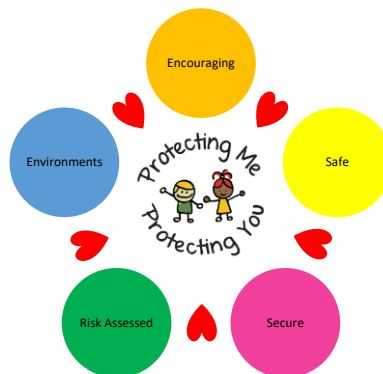




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Nursery Activities: Sand and Water Play

Activity	Hazards	Potential Loss	Risk	Person at Risk	Control Measures	Additional Measures
Setting up sand and water trays	Heavy lifting Spills Unstable equipment	Strain Slips	1 (1x1)	Staff	Use correct lifting techniques Trays set on stable surface Spills wiped immediately	Regular checks on tray stability
Children playing with sand	Eye irritation Ingestion Slipping	Minor injury Illness	1 (1x1)	Children	Use clean play sand only Handwashing after play Supervision to prevent sand throwing	Regular replacement Covering of sand when not in use
Children playing with water	Slipping Ingestion Splashing Bacteria build up	Minor injury Illness	1 (1x1)	Children	Water changed twice daily Trays emptied and dried after use Supervise closely	Anti slip mat under tray Daily cleaning routine
Water temperature	Scalding from hot water	Burns	2 (1x2)	Children	Only cold or tepid water to be used	Ongoing monitoring



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					Staff to check temperature before play	
Spillages around area	Slips Falls	Minor injury	2 (1x2)	Children Staff	Moped/brushed immediately Wet floor signage used	Ongoing monitoring
Cross contamination between activities	Spread of germs/infection	Illness	2 (1x2)	Children Visitors	Separate sand and water play areas Children wash hand frequently	Ongoing monitoring
Use of accessories	Choking Misuse	Minor injury	2 (1x2)	Children	Age appropriate equipment used Items checked for damage Supervision maintained	Ongoing monitoring
Outdoor use	Contaminations from debris Weather exposure	Minor injury Minor illness	1 (1x1)	Children	Covers used when not in use Avoid play in high winds or rains	Daily inspection
Allergies Skin sensitivities	Rashes Irritation	Illness	1 (1x1)	Children	Parents informed	Monitor for reactions

	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

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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