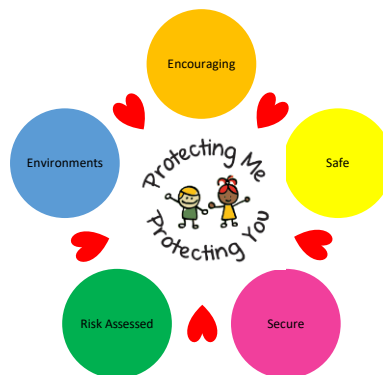




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Nursery Activities:
Use of Kitchen Utensils

Activity	Hazards	Potential Loss	Risk	Person at Risk	Control Measures	Additional Measures
Using child-safe knives (e.g. butter knives)	Minor cuts, slipping of utensil	Small cuts or grazes	2 (1x2)	Staff Children	Child-safe knives only – supervision at all times stable cutting surface Instruction given before use.	Ongoing monitoring
Using sharp knives (adult-led only)	Deep cuts/lacerations	Laceration or Bleeding	6 (3x2)	Staff Children	Only used by adults or 1:1 with competent children. Not used near other children	Sharp knives no longer used by children without strict 1:1
Using peelers/graters	Scraped knuckled or fingers	Small cuts or grazes	4 (2x2)	Staff Children	Safety grip shown Direct supervision – use of tools appropriate to age and ability	Ongoing monitoring

General kitchen handling (cutting, mixing, carrying bowls)	Slips, trips, spillages, burns (if using heat)	Falls, minor injuries, hot liquid spills	4 (2x2)	Staff Children	Clear walkways Spill clean-up protocol Close adult supervision heat not used without risk assessment	Children not permitted near hot surfaces
Child specific allergies or cross contamination.	Allergenic reaction	Illness, allergic, reaction	6 (3x2)	Children	All allergy info checked before activity Separate utensils/ingredients used Hands washed before and after use	Staff reminded to double check allergy details before food activities.

Risk Rating Calculator				Action Level Table	
	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



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5	Very likely	5	catastrophic - death	1-2	No action – no further action but ensure controls are maintained and reviewed
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