



Playground Risk Assessment						
Drafted by: N Summers & M Cross		Approved by: Governing Body		Dated: Autumn 2017		Review Date: Summer 2018
What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	What further action is necessary?	Action by who?	Action by when?	Date completed
Sprain and strains	Staff Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Staffing levels are such that all areas where pupils can access can be seen by a member of staff. Children are given strict guidelines as to where they can play.</li> <li>◆ Staff is of sufficient number to be able to deal with emergency situation that could occur (e.g. Fire, pupils requiring first aid).</li> <li>◆ Pupils are instructed not to participate in horse play/rough play.</li> <li>◆ Play surface has been inspected and is on a regular basis to ensure that the surface does not have any trip hazards present. Trip hazard identified in Year 5/6 playground, coned off for safety reasons.</li> <li>◆ Premises Supervisor checks playing fields daily for any obvious hazards e.g. glass, syringes, cans and potholes.</li> </ul>	Continue to implement the current hazard control measures to ensure we limit the likelihood of sprains and strains.	All Staff	Ongoing	-
Slips, trips, bumps and grazes	Staff Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Play surface is inspected on a regular basic to ensure that the surface does not have any trip hazards present.</li> <li>◆ Pupils are instructed not to participate in horse play/rough play.</li> <li>◆ Premises Supervisor checks playing fields daily for any obvious hazards e.g. glass, syringes, cans and potholes.</li> <li>◆ Football/ball games are restricted to grassed areas or away from areas where they could break glass/run into walls.</li> </ul>	Continue to implement the current hazard control measures to ensure we limit the likelihood of slips, trips, bumps and grazes.	All Staff	Ongoing	-



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Pupils fighting	Pupils fighting or in vicinity  Staff if breaking up a fight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Pupils are dealt with according to the school procedures.</li> <li>◆ Staff are aware of the school policies including manual handling and child protection issues.</li> <li>◆ Staff intervening in fights should have regard for their own safety and be appropriately trained.</li> <li>◆ Ensure all violent incidents towards staff are logged and reported to council H&amp;S team (form HS/V2)</li> </ul>	Continue to implement the current hazard control measures to ensure we limit the likelihood of fighting in the first place, but also the risk of being hurt.	All Staff	Ongoing	-
Use of play equipment	Staff Pupils  From cuts, falls, crushing injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Equipment is checked <b>daily</b> for condition and taken out of use if damaged (responsible staff member signs to say this has been done.)</li> <li>◆ The equipment used is suitable for the age and ability of the intended user.</li> <li>◆ Ensure all pupils are closely supervised when using play equipment.</li> <li>◆ Play equipment is subject to an independent annual inspection e.g. climbing frames.</li> </ul>	Ensure staff are actively involved with the games and use of play equipment, showing children how to use it safely – especially during lunchtimes. Equipment checked by independent inspector.	Lunchtime Staff – MY/NB	Ongoing	-
Absconding / abduction	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ School gates are locked during break times if pupils have access to these routes out of school.</li> <li>◆ Fences are high enough to deter climbing over.</li> </ul>	Ensure gates are locked every morning after the bell to ensure children are safely in the school perimeter.	JA/JS	Ongoing	-
Medical conditions / special educational needs	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ All lunch and play time supervisors and any relevant staff know which pupils have any medical conditions / special educational needs.</li> <li>◆ Clear procedures are implemented for dealing with any pupils who have specific medical conditions or special educational needs.</li> <li>◆ Systems are in place to ensure all relevant staff are updated of any changes regarding these procedures.</li> </ul>	Provide a laminated sheet of medical issue children for each Key Stage which is kept up to date.	JH/EG	ongoing	-



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Needle stick injuries	Pupils Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ As the Premises Supervisor checks playing fields daily for any obvious hazards e.g. glass, syringes, cans and potholes, this should not be an issue, however if there is an injury the following procedure should apply;</li> <li>◆ Do not suck the wound</li> <li>◆ Apply side pressure to the wound the encourage it to bleed</li> <li>◆ Wash the wound in cold water</li> <li>◆ Cover the wound with a plaster</li> <li>◆ Go to hospital immediately</li> <li>◆ Report it as soon as possible.</li> </ul>	Continue to implement the current hazard control measures to ensure we limit the likelihood of needle stick injuries.	JA/All staff to be aware	Ongoing	-
Scalding	Staff Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ All adults to have drinks in thermos cups with covered lids to avoid scalding themselves/the children if they are bumped into or spill.</li> </ul>	Continue to implement the current hazard control measures to ensure we limit the likelihood of scalding.	All Staff	Ongoing	-