

Risk-benefit assessment. These should be brief and clear.

Risk-benefit assessment date: 24/09/24

Assessed by: Play Coordinator, Play Leaders and Play Rangers

Description of activity, principle or object, who might be at risk and what kind of harm.	Benefit or utility or related policy	Description of risk management and maintenance agreed	Nominated person
<p>Large loose parts Falling on children Crushing injuries Heavy lifting Could involve players or bystanders</p>	<p>All those listed in play policy plus – core strength, coordination, cooperation, creativity. Items are essential to a rich play environment.</p>	<p>Agree stacking heights in play assembly. Large dens only in supervised den zone</p>	<p>Play coordinators And play Rangers</p>
<p>Digging area use of spades Chopping feet Accidental blows Use as weapon Risk to players and bystanders</p>	<p>All those in play policy – plus Upper body strength Creativity Core strength Enjoyment</p>	<p>Tools not toys training in play assembly Only diggers in the digging zone Only spades, no forks</p>	<p>Play coordinators And play Rangers</p>
<p>Rope Swing Getting hit by the swing Falling off the swing Getting the rope caught around neck or other body part Branch breaking around the tree if children are throwing tyre too high Branch the swing is on could break</p>	<p>All those listed in play policy Plus, upper body strength Core strength Enjoyment Social skills of sharing</p>	<p>Use of thick rope to guard against using it to put around neck or other body part Giving the swing space around and not getting too close – discussed in assembly Only use the swing for swinging, it doesn't form part of a den The rope is only to be used for swinging on Play Rangers to check the branch swing is attached to daily after lunch ready for the next day to check for wear and tear</p>	<p>Play coordinators And play Rangers</p>

Suitcases Children getting stuck in the suitcase	All those in play policy – plus Upper body strength Creativity Core strength Enjoyment	Staff to make sure all zips have been removed Keep checking for signs of wear and tear, removing any risks that appear	Play coordinators And play Rangers
Sand pit Sand in eyes Chopping feet Accidental blows Use as weapon Risk to players and bystanders	Coordination, cooperation, creativity. enjoyment	Sand should be played with in the pit, but not directed at anybody fresh water available so that sand can be washed out of eye if necessary Only toy spades to be used	Play coordinators And play Rangers
Tyres Stacked tyres falling on children Rolling tyres running over children Sharp items stuck in the tyres Large tractor tyres Tyres falling on children	All those in play policy – plus Upper body strength Creativity Core strength Enjoyment	2 people to one tyre when moving If children feel anything sharp tell the play team ASAP Piled tyres only 3 high Make sure the area is clear before rolling Roll and run with the tyre Large tractor tyres will be stationary	Play coordinators And play Rangers
Large Cable reels Rolling over and banging their head Rolling over other children Falling off Splinters Base landing on toes	All those in play policy – plus Upper body strength Creativity Core strength Enjoyment	These should be stationary To guard against splinters – they have been covered in fake grass Keep out of puddles to stop it rotting Maximum of 3 children on each large reel	Play coordinators And play Rangers
Planks of wood Flexible board Splinters Hitting other children	All those in play policy – plus Upper body strength Creativity Core strength	Be careful when carrying the wood – be aware of surroundings	Play coordinators And play Rangers

<p>Snapping Falling on feet or hands</p>	<p>Enjoyment</p>	<p>Some will be placed in small world area for car ramps and some in the loose parts area Take care not to bend the board too far as it will break</p>	
<p>Wheeled items Falling off the item Injuring others Rolling over limbs Swinging the item around in the air Items breaking and getting damaged in particular wear and tear on ends of handles as these can become very sharp when the rubber wears off and could cause injury if a child falls on them.</p> <p>Use of Helmets Risk of strangulation Ensuring perfect fit for all children Sharing is risking headlice spread Who ensures helmet is on correctly? Time to actually play is reduced</p>	<p>All those in play policy – plus Upper body strength Creativity Core strength Enjoyment</p>	<p>Zone designated for the wheeled items to guard against running into people or injuring others. Coned off area One way system One on a scooter or wheeled item at any time No tricks allowed Wheels to be kept on the ground at all times Scooters and wheeled items will be checked for any damages before each session Play rangers will check wear and tear on ends of handles Ensure the child using the item is age appropriate.</p> <p>With the balance of risk on helmets, it was decided that we do not require children to wear helmets whilst using our wheeled items on our playground.</p>	<p>Play coordinators And play Rangers</p>

		Parents can request that their child does not take part in wheeled activities or send in helmets if they prefer.	
Clothes Getting stuck in clothes Leaving clothes lying around so they rot Using clothes to hit others Using clothes for strangulation	Creativity Social skills Coordination Enjoyment	Clothes will be stored in grit bins in the small world area. These grit bins will not be opened if it is raining or wet Clothes are allowed on the playground and small world area, but not the field. Play rangers within the small world area will monitor any child that looks to be stuck and offer assistance Children will ensure clothes are returned when it is clearing up time	Play coordinators And play Rangers
Mud Kitchen Children eating the mud or putting mud in their eyes or others children's eyes Children getting hurt by the digging equipment that may be used	Coordination, cooperation, creativity, enjoyment	No equipment to be used as weapons Make sure things are picked up after use Keep mud away from eyes and mouths	Play coordinators And play Rangers
Seat belts Using them as weapons Hitting other children Putting seat belts around necks causing suffocation	Upper body strength Creativity Coordination Core strength Enjoyment	Mainly used for attaching materials for den building Not to be used as weapons or whips Used to tie up fabrics and not children Not to be placed around your own or anybody else's neck	Play coordinators And play Rangers
Material, sacks, fabrics, Netting Putting material over heads causing suffocation	All those listed in play policy plus – core strength, coordination, cooperation, creativity. Items are essential to a rich play environment.	No sack or netting to be put over any heads – your own or anybody else's	Play coordinators And play Rangers



**** During their roaming supervision, play rangers will observe constantly as children will play with things in unexpected ways; play rangers will respond to this. The play coordinator will follow up anything necessary with the children during assemblies.**