

Gawber Primary School EYFS OUTDOOR AREA RISK ASSESSMENT

SETTING: Gawber Primary School	LOCATION: EYFS PLAYGROUND/FOREST AREA
DATE: September 2025	TIME: N/A
LEADER: Mrs D Bradshaw	STAFF INVOLVED: A Ronson & R Crossley

GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT. Which other risk assessment(s) have you referred to? Risk assessment checklist, Risk assessment example Outdoor play.

PROMPT / HAZARD	RISK	WHO	CONTROL MEASURE	Checklist D= Daily W = weekly M = Monthly
Children leaving the EYFS playground.	Children leaving the playground and moving into the larger playground without adult supervision. Children becoming lost.	Children	TA's to ensure both gates are padlocked at the beginning of the morning and after lunch. The adult on duty will check the gates are locked before allowing the children in the playground. The adult on duty will monitor the gate at all times. The main gate will be locked at all times during the school day (Office staff responsible for this) The rules about staying in our playground to keep safe to be reinforced on a regular basis to pupils.	D
Pricks/cuts to body parts and/or eats berries/seeds/plants.	Children becoming hurt due to plants/thorns/berries in the outside area.	Children	Adults should ensure garden is cleared of any dangerous plants and that any plants with thorns are trimmed back. Explicitly teach children that things in the forest area/playground are NOT to be picked and eaten unless a teacher has told/helped you and it has been washed and prepared. Adults should check the garden before and at the end of sessions as berries and fungus can grow in different seasons and should immediately secure any areas that so need it. Adults should log any concerns to the teacher and Caretaker.	W

Children falling, slipping or hitting themselves on climbing equipment	Children may fall or injure themselves on the equipment. (Crates and planks)	Children	The adult on duty will monitor and intervene if necessary to ensure pupils are kept safe while they use the plastic crates and wooden planks. The rules for correctly carrying and using the equipment safely will be reinforced as needed.	D
Falling against the metal fence.	Children may fall and bang into the metal fence.	Children	Children will be encouraged to move the crates and planks away from the metal fence and build or create on the astro tuff.	D
Trapping fingers in the playhouse door.	Children may trap there fingers in the door as it closes.	Children	Children to be reminded to keep the door open at all times. Adults will use the hanging basket as a door prop. At the end of each session, an adult will close and lock the door. On a windy day, the playhouse will remain closed.	
Injury using the equipment.	Children may injure themselves using the equipment.	Children	All adults will be responsible for checking the outdoor equipment daily. Any equipment, which is causing injury on a daily basis, to be removed. Adults will check all equipment on a weekly basis. Any broken or damaged equipment will be removed/repaired as required. Any damaged equipment will be reported to our caretaker and	D
Slipping on pebbles/leaves.	Children may slip on pebbles that have been left on the floor.	Adults/children	Children will be reminded to keep pebbles in the pebble pit. Children will be encouraged and supervised to use brushes to sweep pebbles up. The caretaker will remove leaves as needed.	D
Accidents and tripping	Children may trip on equipment that is left lying on the floor. Children may injure themselves due to equipment not being stored correctly.	Adults/children	Adults should ensure that equipment and resources are stored appropriately and safely and are not left lying on the floor . Adults should supervise the organisation of resources and encourage children to 'choose it, use it and put it away.'	D
Cutting or hurting fingers/knees	First aid needed.	Children	First aid bag to be kept with adult outside at all times. Restocked every Friday. Record as needed in accident book. Report to parents if needed.	D

			If serious send to appropriate first aider in setting.	
Using bikes	Accident/injury	Children	Bike/ scooter play should be limited to a particular day. (Friday) (Until further development). Adults should discuss risk and expectations around keeping safe and sharing. Adults should support children to devise ways to be safe and fair. A route will be Children will be reminded about how to keep everyone safe.	W
Water	Water in eyes. Getting wet Slipping/Hazards Contaminated water.	children	Adults to refill/change water before each session. Water will not be carried around the playground of inside to avoid hazards and slips. Rules will be shared about how to correctly use the water to keep them safe. In the event of wet clothing, adults should encourage children to get dry and clean, changing into spare clothes.	D
Ball play	Accident/injury	Adults/children	Ball games play should be limited to a particular day. (Friday) (Until further development). Adults should discuss risk and expectations around keeping safe and sharing.	W
Sand play	Sand in eyes. Sand around flooring causing skidding	Adults/Children	Adults should check that the sand is clean and safe at the beginning and end of each session. Adults should ensure that only sterilised play sand to be used and changed when it becomes contaminated. Adults should ensure that the surrounding surface areas are safe from skidding on sand. Adults should supervise children to tidy way split sand with dust pan and brushes. Children will be reminded of the rules around using sand as needed. Adults to ensure the lid is placed on the sand tray after every session to ensure it doesn't become contaminated. Sand will be changed as needed.	D
Weather changes: Sun	Sunstroke/sunburn/dehydration	Adults/children	A message will be sent on Class Dojo to ensure parents apply sunscreen to their child before coming into school. Children may keep labelled sun cream in their bag to apply to themselves throughout the day.	As needed

			Children will be encouraged to bring and wear a sunhat when outdoors. Children will be reminded and encouraged to drink plenty of water throughout the day. Shaded areas will be encouraged In an extreme heatwave – time outside will be limited Everyone will be in during the hottest part of the day.	
Weather changes: rain, snow, ice	Slipping and sliding	Adults/children	Adults should ensure that all children are wearing appropriate clothing for the weather. Adults should discuss changes in weather and its effects to the outdoor area with the children. Adults should assess risk to the outdoor surface areas and equipment in order to determine which equipment/areas should remain under cover not used during this time.	As needed
Technology in the classroom	Staff members using personal devices to take photography's and videos of children.	All staff including students.	All personal devices which are able to take photographs or record will be placed in cupboards and not used in the classroom.	D

Signed: . . . D Bradshaw. Print Name: . . . D BRADSHAW. Date: .5th September 2025