



St Mary's Catholic Infant School

Risk Assessment

1. General Information

Location: Key Stage 1 Playground (Infront of School)

Assessor Name:

Date of Assessment:

Review Date:

2. Activity/Area Being Assessed

Description of the Playground Area: The playground is a multi-zoned area with a concrete surface, designed to accommodate various play activities while ensuring safety. Key areas include:

- **Construction and Muddy Play Area:** Offers hands-on, exploratory play. Requires close supervision to ensure safe material use and prevent slipping hazards.
- **Imaginative Play Alcove:** A space linked to the library, encouraging role-play. Clear supervision is provided to prevent overcrowding.
- **Toilet Access:** Available through both classroom doors and the library entrance, reducing congestion and ensuring accessibility. Supervision is needed to monitor safe movement.
- **Seating Areas:** Benches are positioned along the perimeter, ensuring rest zones without obstructing visibility.

3. Potential Hazards

Hazard	Potential Risk	Who might Be Harmed?
Uneven surfaces	Trips/falls	Pupils, staff
Wooden planks (construction)	Splinters; weight of wooden planks.	Pupils
Wet/slippery areas	Trips/falls	Pupils, staff
Overcrowding	Increased risk of collision	Pupils.
Faulty equipment	Cuts, falls, entrapment	Pupils.
Heavy duty doors (Library)	Entrapment of fingers	Pupils.
Lack of supervision	Increased risk of injury	Pupils.
Climbing on equipment.	Falls from height	Pupils
Tires	Direction of tires	Pupils/staff

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4. Risk Rating and Likelihood of Risk

Likelihood of Risk (Low/Medium/High) – How likely is the hazard to cause harm?

Severity of Risk (Low/Medium/High) – What would be the impact if harm occurs?

Overall Risk Level (Low/Medium/High) – Based on the combination of likelihood and severity, what is the overall risk?

Hazard	Likelihood	Severity	Overall Risk Level
Uneven surfaces	Medium	Medium	Medium
Wooden planks	High	High	High
Wet/slippery areas	High	Medium	High
Overcrowding	Medium	Medium	Medium
Faulty equipment	Medium	High	High
Heavy duty doors (Library)	High	High	High
Lack of supervision	High	High	High
Tires	Medium	Medium	Medium

5. Control measures

Hazard	Control Measure	Responsible Person
Uneven surfaces	Regular inspections and maintenance	Site Manager
Wooden planks (Splinters)	Regularly inspect and sand down rough edges; remove damaged planks	Site Manager
Wooden planks (Falling)	Teach children safe ways to use planks (flat on ground, no elevated balancing without supervision)	Staff on duty
Wooden planks (Unsafe structures)	Provide clear rules on stacking and building; supervised play when used for construction	Staff on duty
Wet/slippery areas	Gritting in icy weather; designated no-play areas when wet	Site Manager/Headteacher
Overcrowding	Zoning the playground	SLT
Faulty equipment	Weekly safety checks; report defects immediately	Site Manager
Heavy duty doors (Library)	Install finger guards or hinge protectors on doors. Ensure doors have clear viewing panels to see people approaching from the other side. Staff to ensure children do not play near doors or push doors forcefully	Site Manager/Staff Duty
Lack of supervision	Adequate staffing levels maintained	SLT

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Tires (Tripping Hazard)	Place tires in designated play areas and ensure they are stable and used appropriately reminding children of expectations when playing with tires or being around tires being used. Limit rolling to supervised play.	Staff Duty
Climbing on Equipment	Ensure climbing structures have appropriate height limits and safety surfacing underneath (e.g., rubber mats, bark)	Site Manager / Staff on duty

6. Post-Control Risk Level

Likelihood After Control Measures: (Low/Medium/High)

Severity After Control Measures: (Low/Medium/High)

Overall Risk Level: (Low/Medium/High)

Hazard	Likelihood After Control	Severity After Control	Overall Risk Level After Control
Uneven surfaces	Low	Medium	Low
Wooden planks (Splinters)	Medium	Low	Low
Wooden planks (Falling)	Medium	Low	Low
Wooden planks (Unsafe structures)	Medium	Low	Low
Wet/slippery areas	Medium	Medium	Medium
Overcrowding	Low	Medium	Low
Faulty equipment	Low	High	Medium
Heavy duty doors (Library)	Low	High	Medium
Lack of supervision	Medium	Medium	Medium
Tires (Tripping Hazard)	Low	Medium	Low
Climbing on Equipment	Medium	Medium	Medium

*These risk factors are assessed frequently by the SLT in order to change and adapt to changes in the environment.
Eg. When Reception children use the KS1 facilities.*

7. Emergency Procedures

First Aid Protocols: First aid kits are located on the playground with first aiders.

Emergency Contact and Reporting Procedures: Incidents are recorded into our first aid files and a slip is written for parents to receive a clear picture of what happened within the incident.



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Date:

Reviewed by (e.g., SLT Member):

Date: