**Pathfinder risk assessments 2024**

## Cloakroom Risk Assessment

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| **Building / Room / Area risk assessed:** Cloakroom |
| **Date of risk assessment:** 21/12/2023 |
| **What are the risks or hazards?**1. Belongings left on the floor leading to a trip hazard and blocking of an access route.
 | **What will we do to reduce the risks?**1. Ensure there is adequate space for children’s belongings and that nothing is left on the floor at any time.
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| **Further actions required.**This risk assessment will be reviewed regularly and amended where necessary with a full review in six months’ time.  |

## Hall Risk Assessment

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| **Building / Room / Area risk assessed:**Hall  |
| **Date of risk assessment:** 21/12/2023 |
| **What are the risks or hazards?**1. New risks becoming present each day that have not been addressed before children go to play.
2. Children running indoors resulting in injuries.
3. Noise levels being too high leading to other children becoming unhappy and staff unable to effectively listen and be present to everything that is taking place.
4. Trip hazards from things being left on the floor by children
5. Doors and windows being left open which may pose an escape risk or risk of unwanted intruders from outside
6. Spillages from water station or water bottles becoming a slip hazard.
7. Children going up the climbing frame on the side of the wall and falling off.
8. Children touching the hot toasters during snack time
9. Children choking on food if they are eating it whilst not sitting down properly and sensibly
 | **What can be done to reduce the risks?**1. Staff to do a walk round observational risk assessment each afternoon before children arrive.
2. No children allowed to run inside at any time
3. Staff to explain to children our inside voices rule and if not followed they may be asked to go outside for some time
4. Staff to ensure area is always free from trip hazards and children tidy up after themselves.
5. Ensure fire doors are always properly shut as well as lower windows where possible
6. Where water has been spilt staff should put out our wet floor sign straight away and then clean immediately.
7. No children allowed on this at any time
8. Children to always use plastic tongs when taking things from the toaster AND putting things in
9. All food to be eaten at a table and sitting down properly. No food to be eaten whilst walking, playing or sitting anywhere other then a bench or chair.
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| **Further actions required.**This risk assessment will be reviewed regularly and amended where necessary with a full review in six months’ time.  |

## Corridor Risk Assessment

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| **Building / Room / Area risk assessed:** Corridor between hall and back playground |
| **Date of risk assessment:** 21/12/2023 |
| **What are the risks or hazards?**1. Children out of sight of adults.
2. Children could walk off into other areas of the school.
 | **What will we do to reduce the risks?**1. Clear policy that an adult needs to be available to watch the children walk through the corridor and ensure no one lingers in the corridor. Ensure door to KS1 is closed at all times and divider is up on other side.
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| **Further actions required.**This risk assessment will be reviewed regularly and amended where necessary with a full review in six months’ time.  |

## Toilet Risk Assessment

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| **Building / Room / Area risk assessed:**Toilet  |
| **Date of risk assessment:** 21/12/2023 |
| **What are the risks or hazards?**1. Slip hazard if the toilet has water on the floor
2. Toilet blocking and overflowing
3. Hand basin being blocked and overflowing
4. Litter on the floor leading to poor hygiene and risk of infection
5. Children being locked in the toilet
 | **What can be done to reduce the risks?**1. Staff to check toilet on a regular basis to ensure it is kept clean and tidy.
2. This needs to be part of the check and if any blockage has occurred, lock toilet until it’s been fixed.
3. Needs to be tidied as soon as its noticed and during the regular checks.
4. There is a coin stuck to the frame of the bathroom door to unlock the door as soon as we realise a child is stuck. Try and encourage children not to lock the bathroom doors when in use
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| **Further actions required.**All staff are responsible for checking and cleaning the bathroom when they notice any mess. We need to aim for this to be done at least 3 times in a session. This risk assessment will be reviewed regularly and amended where necessary with a full review in six months’ time.  |

## Wraparound room Risk Assessment

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| **Building / Room / Area risk assessed:** Wraparound care room. |
| **Date of risk assessment:** 21/12/2023 |
| **What are the risks or hazards?**1. Trip hazards from toys and resources being left out.
2. Exit route being left open or unlocked so children can leave the premises.
3. Children running indoors resulting in injuries.
4. Noise levels being too high leading to other children becoming unhappy and staff unable to effectively listen and be present to everything that is taking place.
 | **What will we do to reduce the risks?**1. Ensure area is always tidy, in particular areas where children walk around.
2. Ensure doors are always closed and locked.
3. No children allowed to run inside at any time.
4. Staff to explain to children our inside voices rule and if not followed they may be asked to go outside for some time.
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| **Further actions required.**This risk assessment will be reviewed regularly and amended where necessary with a full review in six months’ time.  |

## Kitchen Risk Assessment

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| **Building / Room / Area risk assessed:** Kitchen  |
| **Date of risk assessment:** 21/12/2023 |
| **What are the risks or hazards?**1. Children going in and being at risk of sharp or hot objects.
 | **What will we do to reduce the risks?**Clear policy on no children going into the kitchenette at any time. Monitor and decide whether a barrier may be necessary.  |
| **Further actions required.**This risk assessment will be reviewed regularly and amended where necessary with a full review in six months’ time.  |

## Back playground Risk Assessment

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| **Building / Room / Area risk assessed:** Back playground  |
| **Date of risk assessment:** 21/12/2023 |
| **What are the risks or hazards?**1. New risks becoming present each day that have not been addressed before children go to play.
2. Go karts and other wheeled toys being crashed or hitting children
3. Children escaping through exits that may be compromised
4. Children falling off the climbing equipment causing a serious injury
5. Footballs hitting children during play
6. Children being stung, pricked or hurt by dangerous plants, shrubs, trees around edge of playground.
7. Children play fighting
8. Children going over to the big grass playground
 | **What can be done to reduce the risks?**1. Daily observational risk assessment by a member of staff before children are allowed to go outside.
2. Go karts to be used safely in line with our rules. Children only ever to be sitting in the provided go kart seats, two maximum on one go kart at a time, make a dedicated space for wheeled toys where other children are not playing. Dangerous driving including crashing into others, driving too fast or in a risky way will lead to children coming off consequently without warnings.
3. All exits padlocked and inaccessible by children as much as possible. Also checked during daily walk around risk assessment.
4. Children to use climbing frame safely and always ensure hands are on – never taking hands off whilst hanging. with our activity risk assessment.
5. Dedicated football space allocated. Other children to stay clear of this space. Only approved balls to be used.
6. Staff to ensure any dangerous greenery is notified to the manager who will get rid of it. Areas to be cordoned off with cone where it cannot be dealt with immediately.
7. Clear rule on no play fighting or physical play at any time
8. Only the daily mile grass area can be used. No children must go the big grass playground unless an adult can accompany all of them.
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| **Further actions required.**This risk assessment will be reviewed regularly and amended where necessary with a full review in six months’ time.  |

##  Bouncy Castle Risk Assessment

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| **Activity risk assessed:**Bouncy castle – 18ft x 18ft – Custom Kids Choice Ltd |
| **Date of risk assessment:** 16/01/2024 |
| **What are the risks or hazards involved?**1. Children at risk of hurting themselves
2. Strong gusts blowing around the bouncy castle
3. Adults using the bouncy castle
4. Defects during transportation affecting use
5. Children hurting themselves when coming off or on the bouncy castle
6. Lack of supervision or staffing if incidents occur
7. Food and drink spilling on the bouncy castle
8. Jewellery, watches, or any items in pockets could harm other children
9. Larger children playing with smaller children and hurting them through a distinct size difference
10. Children going on the bouncy castle when they shouldn’t be
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| **What can be done to reduce the risks?**1. Children explained carefully not to play fight, do flips, climb the walls, jump from the bouncy castle onto the floor or go around the outside/back of the bouncy castle. In addition, children should not help dismantle or assemble the bouncy castle.
2. Bouncy castle not to be used in gusts of over 24mph and secured with ground pegs as recommended by our insurance provider
3. No adults to go on the bouncy castle
4. Checked for defects each time the bouncy castle is used
5. Safety mats put down for children to get on and off the bouncy castle
6. Two adults to always supervise children on the bouncy castle
7. No food or drink to be used on or near the bouncy castle at any time
8. No items of jewellery to be worn whilst on the bouncy castle at any time
9. Children to be grouped in size/age where possible
10. Bouncy castle to be deflated when not in use
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| **Further comments for future**This risk assessment will be reviewed regularly and amended where necessary with a full review in six months’ time.  |
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