

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment for:	Use of the Nursery Nest Swing			Prepared by:	H&S Co-ordinator – S.L & V.D	
				Managers Signature:		
Location:	ROSEWOOD FREE SCHOOL, SO16 5NA			Date of Assessment	May 2026	
				Review Date:	May 2028	
Hazard	Who might be harmed?	Hazards Identified which may cause harm – consequence	Existing Level of Risk	Control Measure and Precautions Taken	Additional Control Measures or Further Action Required	Remaining level of Risk
Preparation for getting on the swing	Employees, Learners, third parties	Moving the learner in to position next to the swing for transfer, in equipment with small castors and which is awkward to manoeuvre and may cause musculoskeletal injuries to staff.	High -20	Learners should only use their buggy/home chair to move on to and across the softer tarmac flooring. If necessary suitable class chairs may also be used, but no other equipment-This will require 2 people.		Low-5
Transferring learner in/out of the swing	As above	Untrained staff member in poor posture which may cause varying musculoskeletal injuries to staff or impact injury to learner. Varying musculoskeletal injury may occur to staff due to low working and unstable moving base.	High-20	All staff attend Moving and Handling induction and yearly refresher training. All Learners have an individual risk assessment to assess their suitability to be level transferred. This will tell staff the correct number of people needed to successfully complete the manoeuvre, and all other risk factors to keep both learners and staff safe. Use of nest sling will be on learners individual risk assessment if they have been deemed safe to level transfer to the swing. Learners who cannot be level transferred or who cannot get on/off independently will not use the nest swing. A mobile hoist cannot be used.		Med -10

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During session on the swing	Learners	Learner may fall out of the nest swing causing varying impact injuries' including head injury or broken bones.	Medium - 10	<p>No Learner is to be left unattended whilst on the swing.</p> <p>No students or volunteers to be left unattended supporting Learners whilst swing is in action.</p> <p>All Learners have an individual Risk Assessment to assess if they are suitable to use the swing.</p> <p>A safe and sensible pace/speed of swing should be used at all times responding to learners communication.</p>	Staff are to inform parents/carers that any visiting children are not to be left unattended whilst using the swing.	Low-5
Swing in action	Employees, All Learners, third parties	Adult, mobile / ambulant learners or learners using their chairs nearby may be hit and/or injured by the moving swing. This may cause impact injury/bruising/head injury	Medium - 10	<p>Area cleared of other staff members, learners and chairs before learner begins swinging- all staff present are responsible for ensuring this happens.</p> <p>Safe space to be kept around the swing, no other learner on the soft tarmac- all staff present are responsible for ensuring this happens.</p>		Low-5
During session on the swing	Learners	Learners may become uncomfortable on the swing causing friction markings on the skin.	Low-2	<p>Use of soft cushioning over the mesh / rope parts of the swing base should be used to allow more comfort and prevent injury.</p> <p>All Learners have an individual Risk Assessment to assess if they are suitable to use the swing and any additions they may need.</p>		Low-1
During session on the swing	Learners	Multiple learners using swing banging heads and limbs causing impact injuries/bruises to themselves or others on the swing	Low-4	Staff to ensure learners are either on the swing on their own or with a suitable play partner- class staff to facilitate suitability.	Maximum of two learners on swing at any time	Low-2

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Other children using the swing during school time - siblings	Learners, visiting children/ families and staff	Siblings using swing may use it in an unsafe manner, may fall from swing causing impact injury, may be hit by swing in movement causing impact injury, or may cause the swing to hit others causing impact injury Other injuries may include bruises, scrapes and cuts	Low-4	Staff to ensure siblings are supported in leaving a safe space around the swing. Ensure they are suitable to use the swing and suitably matched with play buddies on the swing through liaison with parent/carer. Staff are to inform parents/carers that children are not to be left unattended whilst using the swing and remain under their care and supervision.	Maximum of two children on swing at any time	Low-2
Ambulant learner getting on and off swing independently	Ambulant Learner	Swing moves causing learner to lose their footing and trip/fall causing possible varying impact injury to themselves	Medium - 10	All Learners have an individual Risk Assessment to assess if they are suitable to use the swing. This includes the way in which they access it and the support which the adult should give to Learner or the swing. These learners SHOULD NOT be level transferred or lifted on/off. Ensure correct level of supervision is maintained when learner is getting on or	Supporting staff member to minimise movement of swing.	Low-5
Ambulant learner using the swing in motion/static	Ambulant Learner	Learner may fall by actively attempting to get off independently whilst swing is in motion/static causing impact injury to themselves.	Medium- 15	No Learner is to be left unattended whilst on the swing. A safe and sensible pace/speed of swing should be used at all times. Stop swing immediately if necessary. Learners encouraged to stay sitting or lying at all times. <u>NO STANDING UP ON SWING</u> Follow communication and regulation passport. Ensure correct level of supervision is maintained at all times.		Low-5

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No service of swing	Employees, Learners, third parties	A damaged or faulty swing may result in varying musculoskeletal injuries and impact injuries to users and operators from swing falling/coming away from frame and/or protruding /sharp/rough exposed parts causing bruises, cuts, abrasions to user and operator		<p>Nest swing to be visually inspected fully before each use by staff. If damage or fault is apparent on any part of the swing, frame or other parts then staff must label swing as out of action and report to H&S team immediately.</p> <p>Swing is inspected in line with all recommendations and serviced annually.</p> <p>Swing visual inspection included in monthly building audit</p>	Annual external service and inspection undertaken and recorded	
<p>High likelihood of risk – Likely to occur immediately or in the near future Medium likelihood of risk – will occur in time if no preventative action is taken Low likelihood of risk – Remote or unlikely to occur</p>						

Date Reviewed	Comments
Initial assessment	28.03.17
13.07.2017	Annual update
21.05.2018	
March 2020	Annual update
May 2021	Annual update (13/05/21)
May 2023	Annual update
May 2024	Two yearly update
May 2026	Two yearly update