

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk Assessment for:	Use of lip balms for oral care and lotions/shaving cream for sensory sessions.	Prepared by:	H&S co-ordinators – S.L & V.D
		Assessed by SLT:	
Location:	ROSEWOOD FREE SCHOOL, SO16 5NA	Date of Assessment	June 2026
		Review Date:	June 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
Petroleum based lip balm products	Learner, staff or third party	These are flammable and could cause burns to Learner, staff or third party who is applying product or supporting Learner if used in conjunction with oxygen and/or a source of ignition.	Med-10	Any Learner who uses oxygen or who is prescribed oxygen for PRN use is provided with petroleum free lip balm, sourced by H&S Co-Ordinators. Any learner requiring oxygen in school will not come in to contact with a source of ignition- we use no naked flames eg candles in school – <u>Also refer to oxygen in school Risk Assessment index number 31</u>	Products are stored in a named box, and staff must only apply these products to that named Learner Oxygen use addressed in Learners individual risk assessment	Low-5
Using lip balm and other lotions	Learner	Risk of cross infection if learners share products from a pot or use other Learner's products which are not suitable for them	Low-6	Learners should each have their own lip balms which are stored in a named box which is at <u>no</u> point used for other learners. Staff must wear a glove if removing lotion or cream from a shared pot and ensure they wash hands before and after applying lotion	Purchase of shared item in squeeze tubes by preference to cut risk of cross infection.	Low-3

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				to a Learner from their own pot if a glove is not worn.		
Using lip balm and other lotions/shaving foam	Learner	Risk of out-of-date product causing a skin reaction	Low-6	Staff teams must regularly check dates and dispose of out-of-date items Items are all “best before” not “use by” and will be clear on appearance and smell if product requires disposing of.	Request new products when needed	Low-3
Use of lip balms, lotions shaving foam and other items for sensory use.	Learner, staff or third party	Risk of product causing an allergic reaction or irritating skin Risk of product getting into eyes or mouth	Low-6	Staff should wash their own hands and remove all trace of product if they notice or feel any reaction/redness and monitor. Record as per school policy and seek first aider if required. Staff should assist learners to wash their hands or any skin which product has been applied to if they notice any reaction/redness and monitor and inform. Record as per school policy and seek first aider if required. Experienced knowledge of learner and their movements – do not apply lotions/shaving foam to hands if learners frequently touch their face/eyes or put their hands in their mouth. Refer to first aid for eye washing if necessary. Refer to teacher written Learner individual risk assessment before use of products Make up(cosmetics) are not used in school as they may not be suitable for children’s skin.	Known allergies are recorded on NHS care plans- refer to these when ordering products Products used will be nut free in line with “Nut free school” policy. Communication with parents/carers should staff/earners experience allergic reactions to products sent in/used at	Low-3

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			<p>(with the exception of nail varnish- see oxygen Risk Assessment)</p> <p>All items used are used for education purposes and the potential risk of use has been balanced against the gains and benefits for the Learners by SLT, Class leads and H&S team.</p>	home- actioned by class lead	
<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
July 2019	Initial assessment
June 2020	Annual update
June 2022	Two yearly update
June 2026	Two yearly update