

## Risk Assessment – Acorn Class



The following risk assessments were carried out by: Emma Owner. Assessment Date: 08/03/2024

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Hazards		Who might be harmed?	Is the risk adequately controlled?	What further actions are needed to control the risk?	Tick if in Place	Outcome H/M/L risk
Crockery in the role-play area	Н	Children Staff	<ul> <li>Children will be taught by parents, at home, and staff in school how to use the crockery sensibly, handling it with care.</li> <li>Staff will monitor the use of the crockery at all times and intervene as necessary.</li> <li>Some of the crockery is made from pyrex, which is tougher than china.</li> <li>Any breakages will be cleared up straight away after the children have been removed. A class discussion will follow to discuss whether the children could do anything differently to prevent further breakages.</li> <li>If handled regularly by pupils these items will be cleaned between use by groups</li> </ul>	Inform parents so they can work on safety at home.		L
Cutlery in the role-play area	M	Children Staff	<ul> <li>Children will be taught by parents, at home, and staff in school how to use cutlery sensibly, handling it with care.</li> <li>Staff will monitor the use of the cutlery at all times and intervene as necessary.</li> <li>The cutlery is designed for use by children, so they are not as sharp as adults cutlery.</li> <li>Cutlery will be cleaned between use by groups/pupils</li> </ul>	Inform parents so they can work on safety at home.		L
Ornaments in the role- play area	М	Children Staff	<ul> <li>Staff will explain the importance of being careful to all children. Handling the items with care.</li> <li>Any breakages will be cleared up straight away after the children have been removed. A class discussion will follow to discuss whether the children could do anything differently to prevent</li> </ul>	Inform parents so they can work on safety at home.		L

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Fairy lights and a lamp in the role- play area	L	Children Staff	<ul> <li>These are new but will be PAT tested at 1 year old and every 12 months afterwards.</li> <li>The lights are LED so do not get hot.</li> <li>Staff will explain the importance of not touching the lights.</li> </ul>	Inform parents so they can work on safety at home.	L
Sand	M	Children Staff Parents	<ul> <li>Sand may get into children's eyes during play. Staff are trained to wash the eyes out with sterilised eye wash if needed.</li> <li>Children or adults may slip on the sand. This is regularly swept and there is a sign warning parents about equipment on the playground on entrance.</li> </ul>	Parents will read this RA.	L
Tools in the wooden shed	Н	Children Staff	<ul> <li>There are tools in this space such as metal hammers, nails, small spirit levels and spanners. Children will not use this area until a safety talk has been conducted. The area will only be open when there is enough staff to supervise and tools will be removed at all other times.</li> </ul>	Parents will read this RA.	M/L
Sellotape dispenser	L	Children	<ul> <li>There is a metal grate on the dispenser, which can give a graze if children catch themselves on it. Children will be shown how to use the dispenser if they catch themselves on it.</li> </ul>	Parents will read this RA.	L
Felt tip pens on t shirts	L	Children	We have a station where children can make their own role-play dress up. There is the possibility that a child may get pen on them, but it does wash off.	Parents will read this RA.	L
Ride on toys	M	Children Staff	<ul> <li>Children use these in a guided session on the playground. There is a risk that they might fall off. There are always two members of staff with half of the class, using it at a time. Rules are in place and the session is stopped if a child is going too fast. The toys are the correct size for the children.</li> <li>Children will only use toys when supervision is in place</li> <li>Ride on toys will be cleaned after use by each pupil</li> </ul>	Parents will read this RA. Parents can provide helmets for their child if they feel it is necessary.	L
Scissors	M	Children	<ul> <li>As children learn to use the scissors and in their own learning time, they might cut their fingers. The scissors are suitable for children and not particularly sharp.</li> <li>Adults will teach children to use scissors safely.</li> <li>Scissors to be cleaned between use by groups/pupils</li> </ul>	Parents will read this RA.	L