RISK ASSESSMENT

BELMONT ACADEMY

Risk Assessment: | Playgrounds

Site: | Belmont Academy

Element Assessed: | Activities

Date: | 2022-23   Review as required

Statement:

The school is aware of the need to provide a playtime for pupils that enables them to play with their peers and exercise as part of a balanced school day. The school encourages pupils to be active to support their social, emotional and physical development. Our playgrounds are designed to provide pupils with challenges that enable them to take risks within a safe environment. The school will as far as reasonably practicable, safeguard the health, safety and wellbeing of pupils by maintaining suitable play areas and where installed, maintain fixed play equipment and furniture.

What are the hazards?	Who may be harmed & how?	Policy and Controls	Control met?	Risk level	Comments/Further Action	Further Action Complete
The surface has potholes, loose gravel or stone which could be trip hazards	Staff & Pupils	Condition of the surfaces within the playgrounds are checked weekly by the Premises team.	Yes	Minor		
		Where faults are identified these are cordoned off until made safe.	Yes			
		Staff and Pupils are encouraged to report any faults to the Premises team via the school office.	Yes			
The surface is slippery/unsuitable due to the weather (wet/icy), animal faeces or due to plants.	Staff & Pupils	Condition of the surfaces within the playgrounds are checked weekly by the Premises team.	Yes	Moderate		
		Staff and Pupils are encouraged to report any issues to the Premises team via the school office.	Yes			
		During adverse weather, salt is used to grit key areas and a further assessment is carried out to review entry/exit points.	Yes			
		Where faults are identified these are cordoned off until made safe.	Yes			
Collisions: pupils knock into one another when using the space resulting in physical injury.	Staff & Pupils	Playground rules are discussed with pupils at the start of the term and are revisited at the discretion of the staff.	Yes	Minor	Bumped heads to be reported to parent. Where a noticeable injury is obtained, SLT to be informed for a call home, e.g. deep cut, injury to face area.	
		Activities and resources are readily available in designated areas of the playground to encourage safe play.	Yes			
		Where an injury is sustained, first aid is administered and a first aid slip completed for parent/carer.	Yes			

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Fixed play equipment is faulty or broken.	Pupils	Premises team to conduct regular checks of play equipment.	Yes	Minor		
		Annual compliance checks on equipment as required, any actions are addressed.	Yes			
		Equipment is cordoned off if it fails safety check until it is resolved.	Yes			
Playtime resources are not used correctly by pupils resulting in injury.	Staff & Pupils	Equipment purchased is suitable for playground games, e.g. soft balls, skipping ropes, stilts, racquets.	Yes	Minor		
		Staff patrol the playground and supervise pupils using equipment.	Yes			
		Class teachers to follow up with any pupil whereby equipment has been used inappropriately.	Yes			
		Year 6 Playmakers are trained to support pupils in engaging in safe and sensible play using the resources.	Yes			
		There is always one first aid trained person on play duty.	Yes			
Passersby look over the fencing whilst the children are at play	Staff & Pupils	Staff patrol the playground and are vigilant regarding any outsider looking into the playground.	Yes	Moderate		
		SLT are informed and will seek to challenge any individual.	Yes			
		Gates and perimeters are secured with padlocks where required.	Yes			
		Additional screening is put up where the fencing is not masked by shrubs.	Yes			

USE THE RISK EVALUATION GUIDE TO DETERMINE RISK LEVEL:

Likelihood				
High	Moderate	Major	Critical
Medium	Minor	Moderate	Major

Like

	Low	Trivial	Minor	Moderate
		Low	Medium	High
		Consequence		