

RISK ASSESSMENT		PLAY AREAS & LUNCH AND BREAKTIME SUPERVISION	
Establishment: <b>Killeen National School, Louisburgh, Co. Mayo.</b>	Assessment by:  Staff	Date: January 2019	
Review By Date: January 2021	Approved by: BOM	Date:	

Hazard / Risk	Who is at Risk?	Normal Control Measures	Additional control Measures	Risk Rating H/M/L
<b>Playground equipment</b> Injury due to fault	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular checks for defects and reporting of these.</li> <li>Repairs undertaken where necessary.</li> </ul>		Low
<b>Falls from climbing apparatus</b> / major injury	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that the equipment is appropriate for the age of the pupils using it. (For some equipment it may be necessary to identify an age or height restriction).</li> <li>Consider segregating age.</li> <li>Clear rules about appropriate behaviour</li> <li>Parents to ensure children wear appropriate footwear</li> </ul>		Low
<b>Play items (e.g. Skipping ropes, footballs etc)</b> / injury	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure items are used only for their intended purpose.</li> <li>Games to be played in appropriate location for activities e.g. for ball games / wheeled toys.</li> </ul>		Low
<b>Bullying</b> / stress, physical injury	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School should have an anti-bullying policy</li> <li>Adult supervisors should be familiar with the policy</li> <li>Training for supervisors in identification and prevention of bullying</li> </ul>		Low

<b>Fighting</b> / injury	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervisors aware of school rules on appropriate behaviour.</li> </ul>		Low
<b>Rough games</b> / injury	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prohibit inappropriate games from the school.</li> </ul>		Low
<b>Security</b> Unsupervised contact with adults / abduction, assault, child protection issues	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintained, unbreached fencing (no holes or gaps).</li> <li>Gates closed / secured at break times.</li> <li>Areas of site identified as higher risk made “out of bounds”</li> <li>Supervision levels appropriate for the layout of the site and the play areas, especially in the vicinity of the gates and where there are public footpaths through the school grounds.</li> </ul>		Low

<b>Absconding / children leaving the school grounds unobserved.</b>	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parental consent obtained for children who need to go home for lunch/appointments.</li> <li>• Identify any blind spots due to walls, trees, bushes, play equipment, etc.</li> </ul>		Low
<b>Steps and steep slopes / slips, trips, falls</b>	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Games not to be played on steps</li> <li>• Ensure these areas are gritted in the winter when ice and snow</li> <li>• No running.</li> </ul>		Low
<b>Inadequate response to accidents / more serious injury</b>	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adequate numbers of supervision to account for emergency situations.</li> <li>• First aid kits located close by in school building.</li> <li>• Trained first aiders present on the site and available during lunch and break times</li> <li>• Supervisors who do not have first aid training are aware of the action they should take in the event of an injury and what not to do.</li> </ul>		Low
<b>Litter, glass / injuries, cuts</b>	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspection of the area and litter pick as required.</li> </ul>		Low
<b>Used Needles / HIV, Hepatitis B</b>	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspection of the area and litter pick.</li> </ul>		Low
<b>Dog faeces / infection, Toxicariasis</b>	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where possible prevent dog walking within the school grounds.</li> </ul>		Low
<b>Hard Surfaces / slips trips and falls</b>	Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that the play areas are even and maintained.</li> <li>• Area periodically checked for missing drain covers, uneven surfaces, etc.</li> </ul>	Any areas which become unsuitable will need to be coned off and placed out of bounds until repairs can be undertaken.	Low

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