

Burchetts Green CE Infant School
Outdoor Play Area General Risk Assessment

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Potential Hazard	Who might be harmed?	Is the risk adequately controlled?
Slippage on sandpit rocks, tiger mulch surfaces or other playground areas and on climbing equipment or den making equipment and outdoor learning areas.	Pupils	• Adult assesses suitability of play equipment for use when there has been wet conditions or frost. • Equipment should not be used when underfoot conditions are wet, causing hands and feet to slip. • Area is closed
Accidents, falls	Pupils	• Staff/pupil ratio in the play area ensures pupils are well supervised • No racing each other on any of the equipment • The numbers of pupils on any one piece of equipment, including sandpit/rocks must be limited to ensure safety and overcrowding.
Accident and falls		• Impact absorbent safety surface installed to all equipment where there is a critical fall height. • Pupils access equipment independently to ensure pupils work at their own physical development level
Falling	Pupils, staff	Uneven areas to be pointed out and reported • Bark is redistributed and replenished
Equipment damage	Pupils	Damaged equipment is pointed out and access is restricted. Damage is reported to headteacher/office manager Outdoor play equipment is serviced by an external company recommended by the LA or ODST.
STEP 4: Review and revision (through regular safety spy visits and through staff before use at beginning of session)		