

Outdoor Play, Health and Safety Communications Record Sheet (Appendix 3)

Notes:

- Play Safety messages are reinforced daily *in situ* during play time. Play Team and teaching staff use RBAs and Dynamic Risk Benefit Assessment techniques to support children at play. A combination of ranging, direct and remote supervision practices are used across site.
- Play Team use 'reflective practice' to debrief daily to raise any safety issues and concerns, highlight current popular play activities, new equipment, and any recurring issues. Play Team lead informs the Head teacher, so any reminders or rules can be imparted to the children during Assembly.

Date	Format / Audience	Main message	Play Safety message
May 2021	Assembly- whole school	Play charter- why we need one and how this will work to support the OPAL programme within school.	Discussion around why particular elements of the play charter have been chosen by the school council and what each aspect represents and how this can be modelled when playing outside. Reinforcement with class teachers in relation to constant reminders in relation to behaviour experienced as part of play.
May 2021	Assembly- remote	Timetable for play (issue with bubbles) and how the field can be shared freely across all year groups but whilst managing the need to stay separate.	Timetable for field across 3 bubbles and how can be accessed allowing free play but keeping groups separate as outlined by covid-19 risk assessment.
May 2021	Assembly-remote	Mud kitchen area- issue with children going behind fence area- 2 children have been caught on the fence. Fencing – playing in the bushes.	Discussion regarding safe use of the area- caretaker has now blocked off this area so children can't go behind it but ensure that continue to stay within safe space areas. Need to ensure that do come out of the bushes when asked and must not try and look through into neighbours' gardens etc.
10.06.2021	Assembly-remote	Play enhancements to be added next term. Equipment to be returned to the main container at the end of lunchtime/playtimes etc. Den building- issues around different bubbles getting upset when dens are moved or taken down etc.	Nettles in the woods- natural and we won't be getting rid of them. Therefore children need to manage the risk related to this. If go to the park they will encounter nettles, and they will encounter them on the field in the wooded area. Be alert to this and consider where playing. Examples of equipment being added shared- ball games etc. Discussion around play being continually evolving and how things can't stay the same all the time. Respect each other's play and be considerate of others.
17.06.2021	Assembly- remote	Fire pit- no play inside the actual fire pit. Saplings growing in the wooded area. Water play area – issue around some children deciding that water play requires everyone to be soaking wet	Discussion regarding why play can't happen within the actual fire pit. When playing in the emerging/growing wooded area – need to ensure that we are allowing the saplings to grow and not trampling on them. Tidying up in the water play area and what this should look like. How to ensure that everyone can be included in the area. Issues around some children/.

		and the issues around this when not dressed appropriately.	
24.06.2022	Assembly- outside (field) Whole school	<p>Loose parts play- pallets (safe use of play with pallets) Tyres and the safe use of these when incorporated into play.</p> <p>Tyre rolling- on the hill. Cannot assume that just because a child sits in a tyre they then want to be rolled down the hill. This needs to be discussed as part of play and we need to check in on our friends to make sure they are comfortable with it.</p>	<p>Discussion around tyres in extreme heat (hot weather) Need for all staff and children to be aware of this and risk assess appropriately. Tyre rolling down the hill- the need to check with all children as to whether they want to be involved in this or not. Don't put themselves in this situation if not sure. Risk assess appropriately and consider what could happen. Tyre structures are not to be build above shoulder height – all pupils to safely manage this.</p> <p>Pallets- how these can be used to support play. Kinds of things they can be used for and how to use safely. Refer to dynamic risk assessment but ensure that 2 x KS2 pupils move a pallet. 4 x KS1 pupils move a pallet. Not built above shoulder height. Broken pallets to be reported to a member of staff when outside. Splinters are common when playing with pallets- but just need to seek advice from a first aider.</p>
9.07.2021	Assembly –remote	Tug of War- issue related to makeshift tug of war rope. (H&S team involved due to extent of injury)	Tug of war- following health and safety incident with a make-shift skipping rope which split causing an accident when playing tug of war. Based on advice from H&S tug of war only to be played on the field area (not on the playground). Guidelines given to schools
17 th Sept 2021	Assembly- celebration	<p>Play charter reinforcement again as play changing with removal of bubbles.</p> <p>Wellies- will need later on in the term- asking parents/children to bring in their wellies.</p> <p>Berries- issue around them looking attractive for play but how must not eat them.</p>	<p>Removal of bubbles within school- all children can now play together. Reinforcement of play charter and how can support each other to develop play from F2- Year 6.</p> <p>Why wellies will be needed in the autumn term as the weather gets worse and how we can continue safely with outdoor play with the provision of appropriate clothing e.g. wellies and outdoor clothing e.g. waterproof coats. Need to play out in all weathers.</p> <p>Berries are not to be eaten- they are naturally occurring in wooded areas/natural areas and can be found on the school site. All children to ensure that they are sensible around their use.</p>
October 15 th 2021	Assembly- celebration	<p>Enhancements to the playground- tyres addition and pallets in the middle section for den building. Need to ensure that equipment is cared for an put away safely at the end of play.</p>	<p>Areas on the playground- unable (due to staffing shortages & demolition of house at the back of the field) to use whole school site- (play currently on the playground- whole school). Zoning of different area and why we are doing this in relation to keeping children safe when playing in different areas.</p>
Jan 2022	Assembly- remote	Wellies needed for everyone- unable to play on the field in inclement weather without wellies.	Not all children have a pair of wellies in school- lack of staffing has meant we haven't been able to play across the whole site but from January we are now. Therefore urgent need for all children to have wellies/old trainers in school so that they can choose where to play.

		Will be playing across the whole school site- more middays recruited to facilitate this.	Need to keep them safe when playing outdoors.
Jan 2021	Remote	Need to ensure that we continue to all use the equipment safely and sensibly so that more can be introduced at different times.	Discussion around wheeled play- sport premium money (outdoor storage shelter and bikes and trikes for the playground). Plus outdoor barrel set and also obstacle course loose parts- explanation as to how these will enhance play and how they will be used safely on the playground.
4.02.22	Remote celebration assembly.	New equipment that will be introduced to the playground Football- concept that chn should be challenging themselves to engage in other activities as well as playing football.	Everyone needs to contribute more to tidying up on the playground. Reinforcing the 2 whistles for tidy up time and then the need for ALL children to be involved in the tidy up time. Staff to be actively encouraging pupils to tidy up and the need to keep everyone safe during this time. Need for tidy up time to be around 2 minutes and no more than this amount of time dedicated to this. Football timetable- designed by house captains shared and reinforced for the playground. Football can still be played on the field.
8.02.2022	F2/KS1 & KS2 play assembly- outside on the playground	Sit on scooters Buggy Scooters Dressing up clothes	How to play safely using the sit on scooters- looking out for others and the need for children to manage own risk. Scooters- Y6 pupils supporting the management of the scooters and ensuring that they are fairly used across the whole school site. Dressing up clothes- taking care putting them on and off and respecting the use of them. Buggy- only one person in the buggy at any one time to ensure sustainability of its use.
11.02.2022	Remote celebration assembly	Double buggy & plastic slide.	Double buggy (new item) need for only two children to be in the buggy to stay safe and to ensure that it doesn't break. Slide to be introduced to the outdoor field- will be added at lunchtime today. Adult to be placed around the slide area to ensure its safety (initially until this becomes well established.)