Risk Assessment - 36226RA

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Medium

General Details

Assessor	Nicola Drake
Assessment Date	16/05/2025
Assigned Reviewer	Nicola Drake
Next Review Date	16/05/2026

Operation Assessed	Adventure Play Area, Playhouses and Seating Areas

Associated with specific area

- Education
- Maintained Schools
- St Erme with Trispen Community Primary School

Description of work area and/or activity assessed

Pupils using adventure play areas during supervised school activities (including lunch and breaktimes)

Overall Current Risk

Medium

Persons Affected

- Children / Students
- Employees
- Maintenance Staff
- Trainees / Young Persons
- Volunteers

Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Medium	**Housekeeping** Failure to ensure that facilities are maintained, in good order and that damage is repaired promptly (equipment/areas may have to be cordoned/deemed out of bounds whilst awaiting repair)	0 0 0
	Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury	
	Members of staff will ensure that play equipment looks in good working order at the beginning of each day and session that it is used. Any repairs required will be reported directly to the council.	

Potential Rating	Additional Controls Required
Medium	**No Remedial Actions Entered** If there are any reasonably practicable actions which can be taken to reduce the risk associated with this hazard please use the form above to enter them.

Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Medium	**Slip / Trip / Fall** Injury due to slips, trips and falls from equipment, seating areas and steps etc.	0 0 0
	Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury	
	Children will be supervised at all times whist using the equipment - a member of staff will be at the area at all times. Children will be reminded how to use this sensibly as they do with equipment on the school playground. Staff will have First Aid kits, including ice packs on their person. There will be the correct staff:pupil ratio to support children who have had an injury.	

Potential Rating	Additional Controls Required
Medium	**No Remedial Actions Entered** If there are any reasonably practicable actions which can be taken to reduce the risk associated with this hazard please use the form above to enter them.

Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Medium	**Housekeeping** Failure to ensure play areas are secured whilst in use.	0 0 0
	Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury	
	All gates will be closed and locked when the children are on the school field. These gates will be padlocked closed and when not in use will be opened again as it is a public space too.	

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Medium	**No Remedial Actions Entered** If there are any reasonably practicable actions which can be taken to reduce the risk associated with this hazard please use the form above to enter them.

Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Medium	**Organisational** Failure to brief pupils on how to access/egress the equipment safely and use the equipment as intended and safely	0 0 0
	Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury	
	All pupils will be briefed before, during and after the new use of the school field and equipment. This will also be during assembly times to 'iron out' any issues that might have occurred/changed.	

Potential Rating	Additional Controls Required
Medium	**No Remedial Actions Entered** If there are any reasonably practicable actions which can be taken to reduce the risk associated with this hazard please use the form above to enter them.

Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Low	**Welfare** Pupils wearing inappropriate clothing and/or footwear which may lead to injuries	0 0 0
	Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury	
	Pupils will be briefed about appropriate footwear when using the play equipment.	

Potential Rating	Additional Controls Required
Low	**No Remedial Actions Entered** If there are any reasonably practicable actions which can be taken to reduce the risk associated with this hazard please use the form above to enter them.

Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Low	**Training / Competence** Equipment not designed and installed to current standards (Equipment should be designed, built and installed to BS EN 1176 and 1177) by competent contractors who are ideally accredited by a recognised association e.g. CHAS, ROSPA, Constructionline, API, BSI, FSPA, SMAS)	0 0 0
	Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury	
	Play equipment has been installed by Cornwall Council workers and with the relevant qualifications in place. This will also be inspected by Cornwall Council.	

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Low	**No Remedial Actions Entered** If there are any reasonably practicable actions which can be taken to reduce the risk associated with this hazard please use the form above to enter them.

Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Low	**Supervision** Pupils being unaware of what they are required to do to remain safe whilst using the equipment/surrounding areas.	0 0 0
	Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury	
	Children will know what is required of them at all times and which year group should be using the play equipment on a specific day. The staffing will be appropriate for supervision at all times.	

Potential Rating	Additional Controls Required
Low	**No Remedial Actions Entered** If there are any reasonably practicable actions which can be taken to reduce the risk associated with this hazard please use the form above to enter them.

Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Low	**Welfare** Adventure play area and facilities not appropriate for age, ability, and range of pupils (including individuals with known pre-existing or temporary conditions)	0 0 0
	Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury	
	Play equipment is appropriate for all children of school age and the children within the school can all access the equipment well - some with a small amount of supervision.	

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Low	**No Remedial Actions Entered** If there are any reasonably practicable actions which can be taken to reduce the risk associated with this hazard please use the form above to enter them.

Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Low	**Supervision** Injuries due to pupils either attempting activities which exceed their ability or partaking in activities for which the equipment is not designed for	0 0 0
	Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury	
	Correct supervision at all times on the equipment so that the children are using this appropriately at all times. Children reminded how to use the equipment safely on a regular basis. First aid kits used and kept full of supplies.	

Potential Rating	Additional Controls Required
Low	**No Remedial Actions Entered** If there are any reasonably practicable actions which can be taken to reduce the risk associated with this hazard please use the form above to enter them.

Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Low	**Safeguarding** Gates to the field are not secured and members of the public are in the park.	0 0 0
	Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury	
	Staff will ensure that the gates are locked prior to the children entering the field, so that the school has the sole use of the field for the short period of time. Children will be supervised at all times.	

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Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Low	**Fall of Persons from Height** Inadequate impact absorbing surface beneath equipment (For example manufactured tiles, in-situ formed materials, loose particulates, and natural materials such as turf, bark, and sand)	0 0 0
	Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury	
	Play equipment and surface is compliant and maintained by Cornwall Council. Children reminded how to use safely as with the play equipment at school.	

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Low	**No Remedial Actions Entered** If there are any reasonably practicable actions which can be taken to reduce the risk associated with this hazard please use the form above to enter them.

Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Medium	**Training / Competence** Staff being unaware of what they are required to do to ensure that pupils remain safe whilst using the equipment and surrounding areas	0 0 0
	Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury	
	Staff are fully briefed and experienced, so that they know exactly what to do. Staff have First Aid training and this is always in date.	

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Medium	**No Remedial Actions Entered** If there are any reasonably practicable actions which can be taken to reduce the risk associated with this hazard please use the form above to enter them.

Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Medium	**Organisational** Failure of staff to conduct pre use inspections, periodic inspections, and additionally annual inspection by competent person	0 0 0
	Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury	
	Staff will pre inspect the equipment before the children use it.	

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Medium	**No Remedial Actions Entered** If there are any reasonably practicable actions which can be taken to reduce the risk associated with this hazard please use the form above to enter them.

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Medium	**Welfare** Injury/illness to pupils from foreign objects not being removed from the area	0 0 0
	Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury	
	When staff supervise and check the area for safety before the children use it, any objects will be removed. Bins will be taken out for when the children are eating their lunch.	

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Medium	**No Remedial Actions Entered** If there are any reasonably practicable actions which can be taken to reduce the risk associated with this hazard please use the form above to enter them.

Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Medium	**Adverse Weather** Students or staff suffering from Heat exhaustion/sunburn/sunstroke	0 0 0
	Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury	
	Children will be wearing sun hats and will have sun cream on. They will have water bottles outside with them and there is a large shaded area for the children to sit in.	

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Medium	**No Remedial Actions Entered** If there are any reasonably practicable actions which can be taken to reduce the risk associated with this hazard please use the form above to enter them.

Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Medium	**Behaviour** Inappropriate behaviour of students.	0 0 0
	Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury	
	Children reminded of appropriate behaviour and will be removed from the equipment if they demonstrate unsafe and poor behaviour to themselves and to others.	

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Medium	**No Remedial Actions Entered** If there are any reasonably practicable actions which can be taken to reduce the risk associated with this hazard please use the form above to enter them.

Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Low	**Supervision** Unsupervised use of the equipment or surrounding areas out of school hours e.g. members of the public/locals accessing the grounds, lettings, staff bringing own children into school during holidays.	0 0 0
	Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury	
	All control measures are in place for this risk; the equipment wont be unsupervised and the grounds wont be used if there are members of the public using them.	

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Current Rating	Hazard Information	Task Status
Low	**Welfare** Pupils wearing inappropriate clothing and/or footwear which may lead to injuries	0 0 0
	Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury	
	Children are in school uniform which is suitable to use for the play equipment. Often children are in PE kits.	

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Medium	**Safeguarding** Children enter a neighbour's garden or speak to an adult.	0 0 0
	Measures Currently in place to prevent risk of injury	
	Remind children of what to do if play equipment goes into a resident's garden; not to enter themselves or help themselves. Remind children to not talk to strangers/members of the public. Children will be reminded of this during safety talks and on a regular basis.	

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