

Risk Assessment

Activity: Under 5's Messy Play			Date: 14.08.23.		
Venue: Christ Church, Mountsorrel			Organiser: Alison White		
Hazard	Who is affected	Risk Level H M L	What controls are in place	Controlled Risk Level	Injury Level H M L
Children could leave the area/wander away unsupervised	Children	M	Stairgate to be used on both exit doors from the church. Leaders to be vigilant as to children's whereabouts.	L	L
Running around, falling, climbing on church furniture	Children	M	Parents to be reminded that they are responsible for their children at all times at the beginning of the session and through signage. The Lord's Table area will be blocked with chairs to prevent children going into that area. Pushchairs to be parked in The Bower Room so children can't climb on them. Leaders to be vigilant and advise as appropriate where risky behaviour is observed.	L	L
Hot drinks and biscuits	All	H	Hot drinks will be served in lidded cups. Leaders to be vigilant in awareness of where hot drinks are placed. Adults to be reminded to place hot drinks safely or keep hold of them away from children. Allergen advice is readily available as biscuits are individually wrapped.	M	H
Wet floor – slipping/falling	All	H	Wet floor signs to be used. Staff & volunteers to be alert to all slip hazards and dry the floor around messy areas regularly – a good supply of towels to be available for this. Children encouraged not to run around and parents to be made aware of potential slip hazards on arrival. Children encouraged to remove shoes before entering the messy play area.	M	M
Choking	Children	M	Whilst we have lots of toys within the messy materials, (toy fish etc) all will comply with British safety standards and nothing small enough to fit in a child's mouth/be swallowed will be used. Staff & volunteers to be vigilant and parental supervision of children is required at all times.	L	H

Swallowing messy materials	Children	M	All items used e.g. gelli-baff, soapy foam, rice are either natural foods or are non-toxic and made for children's play. Staff & volunteers to be vigilant and parental supervision of children is required at all times.	L	L
Broken toys	Children	L	All toys to be checked before use, any breakages during the session to be removed due to sharp plastic edges. Staff & volunteers to be alert to this.	L	L
Sand or other messy material in eyes	Children	M	Parents to supervise children at all times, staff and volunteers to be vigilant. Running water available for washing eyes if necessary.	L	L
Toddler behaviour	All	L	Young children may engage in risky behaviour with play items e.g. throwing. Parents to supervise children at all times. Staff and volunteers be vigilant to any such behaviour and intervene only if necessary. Specific play items to be removed if they are deemed unsafe due to behaviours.	L	M
Accidents	All	L	At least one leader with First Aid training will be on site during the session. The first aid kit is updated regularly and there are children's cold compress packs in the fridge in the kitchen.	L	L/M/H