



Play Risk Assessment for Trim Trail September 2024

Encouraging Outdoor Play and Learning

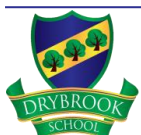
At Drybrook Primary School, we are committed to promoting physical activity and the development of gross motor skills through outdoor play. The trim trail provides children with opportunities to challenge themselves physically, improving balance, coordination, and strength. This activity also fosters resilience and confidence as children navigate different elements of the trail.

Aims for Trim Trail Play

- Encourage physical activity and the development of gross motor skills.
- Support balance, coordination, and strength.
- Provide a safe environment for children to challenge themselves and build confidence.

Identified Risks

Hazard	Controls
Falls from height	- Install soft surfaces (e.g., rubber matting) under and around the trail. - Supervise children during use.
Slips and Trips	- Regularly inspect the trail for any loose or damaged parts. - Ensure the surrounding area is clear of obstructions.
Weather-related hazards (e.g., wet surfaces, ice)	- Monitor weather conditions and restrict access during unsafe conditions - Encourage the use of appropriate footwear.
Entrapment (limbs in gaps, etc.)	- Ensure equipment is age-appropriate and gaps are minimized. - Regularly inspect and maintain the trail.
Overcrowding	- Limit the number of children using the trail at one time.
	- Establish clear rules and supervision to manage turn-taking.
Entanglement or strangulation on ropes	- Ensure all ropes are properly secured and of appropriate length to avoid looping hazards. - Regularly inspect ropes for wear and tear.
Instability on narrow beams	- Provide guidance on safe use and ensure supervision, particularly for younger children. - Install clear markers or handrails where possible.
Risk of collision between users	- Establish clear rules for turn-taking and spacing on the trail. - Supervise to enforce safe play and prevent overcrowding.





Review and Monitoring

- **Frequency:** Weekly checks of the sandpit.
- **Responsible Person:** Assigned staff member - caretaker
- **Record Keeping:** Weekly check document inspections and any incidents kept in the school office.

