Early Start & Family Services **Week Commencing_____**

Outdoor Play Area Risk Assessment Check list

Area to be checked	Checked – Initial when checked										Any Issues? Refer to…
	Mon		Tues		Wed		Thurs		Fri		
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
Perimeter fence is sound with no intruders											
Gates and hooks are in working order											
Gate to school playground is locked											
Staff available to man the corridor double doors (white) during school drop off and pick up times											
Building is sound (i.e. no roof tiles blown free)											
Guttering and drains intact											
Windows & doors intact, no broken glass or loose fittings											
First Aid kit is available outdoors											
Doors are closed or secured in place											
Coded doors are secure											
Weather appropriate for play (not too icy, no electrical storm, no unsafe winds or fog too thick to observe children safely)											
Does the area available for play need reducing due to difficulty in observing the whole group											
No high icicles hanging off building											
Waterproof and spare clothing available											
Sun protection in place – staff to encourage children to drink more											
No resources stored on top of the shed/hut											
Shed/hut is secured so children can not access unsupervised											

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Area is clear of debris, litter or foreign objects											
Needles, sharps or other drug paraphernalia											
Animal Faeces											
No standing water in resources (i.e. tyres)											
Bug Hotel / Forest Schools Area if in use is secure & sound											
Trees are sound											
No Thistles or nettles in general play area (wild growing area excluded)											
No significant amount of bees or wasps (nests to be reported) Rats or other pests											
Sand pit – open and bolted in place											
Outdoor tap is in working order, hose out of reach until a member of staff is with the children											
Benches are secure with no loose parts (screws, nails or splinters)											
Fresh water available for play											
Adult tools are stored safely											
Resources are age and stage appropriate (planning complete)											
Staff aware of Allergies and/or Sensitivities of children re: pollen, insects, asthma etc.											
Staff members Initials											