


<b>Department:</b> <u>FRASERBURGH SOUTH PARK SCHOOL NURSERY</u>				<b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b>					
<b>Process/Activity:</b> Mud Kitchen				<b>Location:</b> South Park, Nursery			<b>Date:</b> Ongoing		
<b>Describe activity:</b> Children have access to pots, pans, soil, utensils, and water daily to enable outdoor learning in the Mud Kitchen area.				<b>Assessor Name:</b> V. Stephen, L. Cameron, M. Stephen, Mrs Stephen, N. Wallace, J. Whyte, K. Chicken, L. Parker, S. Crane, K. Barclay			<b>Updated:</b> <b>September 2023</b>		
Hazard	Person/s Affected	Risk	Risk level before controls are in place			Control Measures	Risk level after controls are in place		
			Low	Med	High		Low	Med	High
Ingestion of soil/mud	Children		Low	Med	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher child/staff ratio dependent on needs of the children</li> <li>Risks and correct use of are explained before use as well as expectations</li> </ul>	Low	Med	High
Incorrect use of utensils eg pots, pans, jugs	Children Staff Helpers Students		Low	Med	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriate child/staff ratio dependent on needs of the children</li> <li>Risks &amp; rules discussed to ensure all children have understanding and are aware of expectations.</li> <li>Utensils to be checked regularly and maintained or removed if broken, damaged or unsafe in any way</li> </ul>	Low	Med	High

Slipping, Tripping, Falling	Children Staff Helpers Students		Low	Med	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vigilant staff to ensure no running if area becomes slippery or unsafe</li> <li>• Are to be swept up when required</li> <li>• Children also to take responsibility, enabling understanding of risk factors and knowledge of responsibility.</li> <li>• Enclosed secure outdoor area.</li> <li>• First Aid box in nursery First Aid cupboard with correct supplies</li> </ul>	Low	Med	High
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**Benefits**

Children can explore, investigate, co-operate as they wish.

Staff enable freedom to explore.

Children are exposed to responsibility for caring for area and begin to understand risk factors and reasons behind risks

Staff and children are exposed to a variety of opportunities to enhance literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing skills.

The Mud Kitchen has proven to be an excellent area for staff and child interaction to assess numeracy and literacy through play.

Children have an enhanced area to play using a large variety of different materials.

Opportunities that may not arise at home.