


Department: <u>FRASERBURGH SOUTH PARK SCHOOL NURSERY</u>				RISK ASSESSMENT					
Process/Activity: Planting/Natural area – herb garden				Location: South Park Nursery and school grounds			Date: Ongoing		
Describe activity: Outdoor gardening area and use of Quadrangle in school building				Assessor Name: V. Stephen, L. Cameron, M. Stephen, K. Barclay, S. Crane, Mrs Stephen, N. Wallace, J. Whyte, K. Chicken, L. Parker			Updated: September 2023		
Hazard	Person/s Affected	Risk	Risk level before controls are in place			Control Measures	Risk level after controls are in place		
Plant/Bulb or soil ingestion	Children	Child poisoned or ill after effects	Low	Med	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain risks and ensure understanding. • Supervision always • Higher ratio's dependant on needs of children. • Provision of safe plants, herbs grass to plant • Wash hands after contact with soil/seeds/bulbs etc 	Low	Med	High
Incorrect use of garden tools ie forks, spades	Children Adults	Children hurting themselves or others through inappropriate use of equipment	Low	Med	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct adult to child ratio • Supervision at all times • Explain risks and staff to model correct procedures. • Model tidying up correctly and 	Low	Med	High

						safely <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid kit available with up to date and correct supplies available 			
Use of Quadrangle with small groups	Staff Children		Low	Med	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See lone practitioner risk assessment and policy • Modelling correct use of equipment • Return appropriately and care for resources 	Low	Med	High

Benefits

- Sensory Development - Gardening engages all sorts of senses and helps children to develop and recognise them without even realising.
- Promotes numerous opportunities for communication between children and adults
- Children become aware of the risks involved with using tools such as spades and forks.
- Enables staff to promote Healthy Eating whilst encouraging children to develop a passion/interest in planting and growing.
- Children begin to learn about responsibility and patience it requires for items to grow – using grow boxes also enable educational skills.
- Sense of ownership over quadrangle and appreciation/pride in improving the area/caring for it and adding items of choice.

