**Overall Approach to Risk Assessment Policy**

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| England: EYFS |
| 3.50 & 3.51 |

**1.1 Risk assessments**

The nursery carries out written risk assessments regularly (at least annually). These are regularly reviewed and cover potential risks to children, staff and visitors at the nursery. When circumstances change in the nursery, e.g. a significant piece of equipment is introduced, we review our current risk assessment or conduct a new risk assessment dependent on the nature of this change.

* All staff are aware of the risk assessment process to ensure understanding and compliance.
* All outings away from the nursery are individually risk assessed. For more details refer to the visits and outings policy.

1.2 Risk assessments document the hazard/aspects of the environment that needs to be checked on a regular basis, who could be harmed, existing controls, the seriousness of the risk/injury, any further action needed to control the risk, who is responsible for what action, when/how often will the action be undertaken, and how this will be monitored and checked and by whom.

1.3 Please refer to the Health and Safety Executive’s ‘Five Steps to Risk Assessment’ located in Muddy Boots Nursery School’s risk assessment file for further support with the risk assessment process.

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