

Our new trim trail

Firstly we would like to sincerely thank The Friends for their efforts in fundraising for this incredible facility. This equipment will encourage our pupils to be more active and it will greatly add to their enjoyment of playtimes. The school council were involved in its design and I'm sure that they will be delighted with the end result.

If your children would like to use the equipment after school and you are happy to take responsibility for them and to supervise them, then you may. However, please ensure that your child uses the equipment in accordance with the school rules (below) and does not use the equipment if it is coned off, or in wet/slippy/icy conditions. We will be training our pupils in the proper use of the equipment over the next couple of days and we will let you know when they are ready to safely use it.

Our risk assessment states that the equipment must be supervised by a competent person when in use. If your child is using the equipment, then you will need to act as the competent person for your child. To ensure that you are competent to supervise the equipment please read the rules and the risk assessment main points below.

Please note that this equipment is not suitable to be safely used by pre-school children.

Rules for use

- Do not use in wet/slippy conditions.
- Only use with appropriate footwear (flat shoes with grip).
- Everyone must start in the agreed place and go around in the same direction.
- Only one child at a time on each section of equipment.
- Queue patiently and politely.
- Tell an adult if there is a problem or a defect.

Please ensure that these rules are adhered to at all times.

Main risk assessment points

Task/Equipment/ Materials/ Activity, etc	Hazard	(Risk) Consequences	Person(s) at risk	Existing controls currently used (What are we doing now?)
Use of outdoor play equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to the area, slips, trips and falls (including falls from height).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cuts / bruises / broken bones / head injuries / death.	Pupils, visitors, staff, trespassers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Play equipment & surface is fitted / installed to comply with all British and European standards.• Competent persons inspect equipment as per British Standards Guidance (Operational and Annual Level).

<p>Use of outdoor play equipment cont...</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual inspections are carried out on a daily basis before pupils use equipment. • Only pupils of the age range the equipment is designed for are allowed to use the equipment. • Teacher / competent person supervise the pupils whilst on the equipment. • Impact absorbency of the surface should be sufficient for the free fall height. <p>-As a guide where a fall of 60 cm - 1m is possible good quality & well maintained turf / grass coverage may be used. Where falls of over 1m are possible a “impact absorbent” surface should be used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No free fall height will exceed 3m. • No obstacles present in the falling space e.g. bars, posts or angled nets). • Platforms with fall heights of more than 1m between them require impact absorbency. • Warning signs are in place where needed. • Any near misses (non-injury accidents) are recorded and monitored. • Any defects found with the equipment are reported immediately and a competent person is called to repair / replace the equipment. (If repair / replacement cannot be done immediately, then equipment is taken out of use).
<p>Use of outdoor play equipment cont...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrapment (of fingers / clothing etc). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuts / bruises / broken bones / head injuries / death. 	<p>Pupils, visitors, staff, trespassers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play equipment is fitted / installed to comply with all British and European standards. • Competent persons inspect equipment to Annual & Operational Level (1 a term - 1 annual and 2 operational). • Visual inspections are carried out on a daily basis before pupils use equipment.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils are supervised at all times when the equipment is in use and are encouraged to wear the appropriate clothing. • Only pupils of the age range the equipment is designed for are allowed to use the equipment. • Warning signs are in place where needed. • Any defects found with the equipment are reported immediately and a competent person is called to repair / replace the equipment. (If repair / replacement cannot be done immediately, then equipment is taken out of use).
Use of outdoor play equipment cont...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collision (with moving or non-moving items of play equipment). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuts / bruises / broken bones / head injuries / death. 	Pupils, visitors, staff, trespassers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play equipment & surface is fitted / installed to comply with all British and European standards. • Competent persons inspect equipment as per British Standards Guidance (Operational and Annual Level). • Visual inspections are carried out on a daily basis before pupils use equipment. • Pupils are supervised at all times when the equipment is in use and are encouraged to wear the appropriate clothing. • Equipment is not allowed to get 'over-crowded' with pupils. • Any pupil who is displaying signs of 'high-jinx' is asked to leave the equipment. • First aid facilities are available if injuries arise.
Use of outdoor play equipment cont...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleanliness and litter, e.g. animal faeces / broken glass etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuts / bruises / broken bones / head injuries / death. 	Pupils, visitors, staff, trespassers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A staff member carries out visual inspections on a daily basis. • If foreign objects are found then the play equipment is taken out of use until objects have been cleared away. • Loose materials that are used for ground cover, e.g. bark, are regularly raked over to ensure that foreign bodies are not amongst them. • If regular deposits of animal faeces are found, then consideration

				should be given to fencing off the outdoor play equipment.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of equipment by children of an unsuitable age. 	Overstretching and falling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cuts / bruises / broken bones / head injuries / death. 	Pupils, visitors, staff, trespassers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letters have been sent to parents informing them that pre-school children should not be allowed to play on the equipment out of school hours. Warning signs may also be required to remind parents not to let their pre-school children use the equipment.
Surrounding environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planting (trees / bushes etc). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cuts / bruises / broken bones / head injuries / death. 	Pupils, visitors, staff, trespassers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before play equipment is installed, the area is surveyed to ensure it is suitable, e.g. not sited next to bramble bushes etc. Any planting that is near to the play equipment is managed on a regular basis, e.g. regular pruning to maintain a 2m clearance. Consideration should be given to the type of planting that may be done after installation of the play equipment.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wet weather. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cuts / bruises / broken bones / head injuries / death. 	Pupils, visitors, staff, trespassers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If weather conditions are such that they make the equipment unsafe to use, then the equipment is taken out of use. Children are supervised whilst on the equipment. Children are encouraged to clean any mud off their shoes before climbing any of the equipment.