

MESSY PLAY RISK ASSESSMENT – COVID 19
(supplement to main Covid-19 Risk Assessment)

ACTIVITY	IDENTIFY THE HAZARDS	WHO COULD BE HARMED AND HOW	MEASURES IN PLACE TO REDUCE THE RISK	RISK RATING
PLAYDOUGH AND DOUGH DISCO	Poor hand and respiratory hygiene control may lead to potential contamination where covid-19 is present.	Staff and children How? Using playdough where covid-19 may be present may lead to exposure to the virus.	All staff and children should wash their hands thoroughly before participating and after Fresh playdough made for each activity and will be disposed of at the end of the morning and afternoon sessions	Medium
WATER PLAY (garden)	Risk of water becoming contaminated with pathogens including covid-19 leading to spread of infection	Staff and children How? Children consuming water, splashing, sharing utensils, Staff when cleaning or handling resources	Water play to be supervised by an adult, all hands washed before going into garden and when returning indoors, fresh water each session (tap in garden), equipment sterilised at the end of each day. Staff to wash hands before and after cleaning	Medium
WATER PLAY (indoors)	Risk of water becoming contaminated with pathogens including covid-19 leading to spread of infection	Staff and Children How? Children consuming water, splashing, sharing utensils, staff when cleaning or handling resources	Water play to be supervised by an adult. Hands washed on arrival at preschool, after toileting, eating etc. Fresh water each day. Equipment sterilised at the end of each day. Staff to wash hands before and after cleaning	Medium
MUD KITCHEN	Risk of materials used in mud kitchen (mud, stones, water etc) becoming	Staff and children How? Children consuming	Mud kitchen play to be supervised by an adult, all hands washed before going	Medium

	contaminated with pathogens including covid-19 leading to spread of infection	materials, poor hand to mouth hygiene, sharing resources. Staff when cleaning or handling resources	into garden and when returning indoors. Equipment sterilised at the end of each day. Staff to use gloves when sterilising equipment, washing hands after cleaning	
SAND (inside)	Poor hand and respiratory hygiene control may lead to potential contamination where covid-19 is present	Staff and children How? Using sand where covid-19 may be present may lead to exposure to the virus. Staff when cleaning or handling resources.	Hands washed on arrival at preschool, after toileting, eating etc. Equipment sterilised at the end of each day. Staff to wash hands before and after cleaning. Sand to be sprayed and raked with sterilisation fluid at the end of each day. Staff to wash hands before and after cleaning.	Low