Risk Benefit Assessment: **Mud Play**

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Other RA's referred to:

Activity/Hazard	Benefit	Risks	Level of risk (use Matrix)			Control methods	New level of risk (use Matrix)		
			L	C	L		L	C	L
Mud kitchen	-Creativity -Messy play -Role play -Imagination -Team work -Social skills	Eating Mud Mud in eyes	Possible	Minor	Moderate	-Model how to use mud -Discuss not throwing mud -Ensure hands are washed after use	Unlikely	Minor	Low
Clay faces	-Creativity -Messy play -Role play -Imagination -Team work -Social skills	Eating Clay Clay in eyes Foreign objects in clay	Possible	Minor	Moderate	-Thoroughly check resource before use -Model use of clay -Ensure hands are washed after use -Store clay effectively -Make gloves and goggles available	Unlikely	Minor	Low
Picking up natural resources	-Using natural world for a purpose -Imagination -Creativity	Eating (poisonous berries) Stings (thorns, prickles, nettles)	Likely	Major	Extreme	-Site assessment -Model safety -Correct ratios -Make gloves and goggles available -Educate about berries -Educate about plants that could harm us -Remind of no picky no licky rules -suitable clothing to be worn	Possible	Moderate	High

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Eliminate the hazard	E.g. repair or replace damaged tools; take down overhead, hanging branches
If this is not practicable, then ⬇	
Substitute the hazard	E.g. provide gluten free snacks and drinks for FS learners with allergies; teach in a different area
If this is not practicable, then ⬇	
Isolate the hazard	E.g. mark the overhead, hanging branch with a red flag / create boundary hazard tape;
If this is not practicable, then ⬇	
Use equipment to help you	E.g. use wheelbarrow for moving heavy stumps;
If this is not practicable, then ⬇	
Use paperwork process to help you	E.g. log of regular tool maintenance; ensure daily site check/ risk assessment carried out and recorded
If this is not practicable, then ⬇	
Use Personal Protective Equipment and clothing	E.g. provide well fitting gloves for learners who require them; ensure learners are wearing long sleeved tops and trousers
Until you have a better method of control	

Risk Matrix

		Consequence				
		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
Likelihood	Almost certain	Moderate	High	High	Extreme	Extreme
	Likely	Moderate	Moderate	High	Extreme	Extreme
	Possible	Low	Moderate	High	High	Extreme
	Unlikely	Low	Low	Moderate	High	High
	Rare	Low	Low	Low	Moderate	High