

Art Risk Assessment September 2021

	Hazards	Risk Groups	Existing controls	Level
1.	Painting, contact with skin and eyes, spillages	Pupil and staff	Pupils are supervised during each activity, staffing ratios according to children's ages and ability. Pupils thoroughly wash their hands after each activity. Any spillage is cleaned up immediately and the floor is in a dry, safe condition. Staff watches children for any allergic reaction to materials used	Low
2.	Using Clay. Contact with skin and eyes.	Pupil and staff	Staff & helpers watch for any adverse reaction when pupils are using the clay. Pupils thoroughly wash their hands after using the clay. Pupils are given instructions before the activity. Any spillages of clay and/or water are mopped up immediately to avoid a trip/slip hazard . Suitable aprons are supplied to avoid getting clothing soiled. Any tools used to work the clay must be appropriate for the age group and with no sharp edges.	Low
3.	Sewing Needle Injury Cotton cuts	Pupil and staff	Pupils are supervised during the activity. Cotton strands etc. are cut using only scissors. Only materials, which can be easily sewn and/or stitched, are to be used to avoid excess . Pressure being used to sew materials together.	Low
4.	Using Glue Contact with Skin & Eyes	Pupil and staff	Pupils are instructed not to use excessive amounts and to avoid spillages at all times. Only approved products are to be used Adhesives to be water based rather than solvent based and be non-toxic. "Super -glues" and wallpaper paste containing fungicides should not be used. Children should not use spray adhesives. They may be highly flammable and/or toxic. Caution should be advised when and where they are used, the area must be well ventilated. Any glue which gives off heavy vapours should not be used unless the area is very well ventilated. Manufacturer's instruction should be read and followed by staff to become aware of the possibility of solvent abuse and children becoming sensitised to solvents and glues etc.	Low
5.	Using Scissors Cuts and "nip" injuries	Pupil and staff	Only round-headed scissors are used. Pupils are supervised during the activity and given instruction in the safe use of any equipment used. Scissors must be counted out and in and be properly stored. Any faulty or damaged scissors are disposed of	Low