Szkoła Przedmiotów Ojczystych im. Marii Skłodowskiej-Curie

PLAYGROUND RISK ASSESSMENT POLICY

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Polish Saturday School

Wimbledon-Putney • Registered Charity No. 1179554

Reviewed / updated	October 2026
Approval date	10.10.2026
Next review	October 2027
Review frequency	At least annually and after any serious incident or material change

1. Scope and status

This assessment covers School use of playground/outdoor areas at Ursuline High School. It replaces the assessment dated 2 March 2019, which was due for review in March 2020.

This October 2026 update refreshes the structure and control principles from the historic assessment. Because the physical site and current operating arrangements cannot be verified from the document alone, the Headteacher/Duty Officer must confirm the controls on site before the assessment is formally approved.

2. Risk assessment

Hazard / risk	Who may be harmed	Current / required controls	Further action / trigger	Owner
Gates, boundaries and unintended exit	Pupils	Before use, check relevant gates/boundaries are secure in accordance with site arrangements. Supervision must be sufficient to prevent pupils leaving unnoticed.	Confirm current gates and locking/securing method; do not rely on improvised tape where a safer site solution is available.	Duty Officer / Site
Trips, falls and collisions	Pupils, staff, helpers	Visually check surface and obvious obstacles before use; separate incompatible activities/age groups where helpful; maintain active supervision and stop unsafe play.	Confirm whether historic split between playground areas/age groups is still used and suitable.	Duty Officer
Sports equipment / balls	Pupils, staff	Use only equipment suitable for the space and age group; supervise ball games; remove damaged equipment from use.	Confirm permitted ball-game areas and any site restrictions.	Duty Officer
Basketball hoops / fixed equipment	Pupils, staff	Check for obvious instability, damage or weather-related risk before use. Do not use equipment if unsafe and report defects to site management.	Confirm responsibility for formal inspection/maintenance with premises provider.	Duty Officer / Site
Tennis nets or temporary site equipment	Pupils, staff	Check the area before pupils enter. Restrict access to hazards and contact site management for removal or securing.	Confirm whether tennis nets or equivalent hazards are still present.	Duty Officer / Site
Weather: ice, heat, rain, wind	All users	Assess conditions before outdoor use; modify or cancel outdoor activity when surfaces/equipment/weather create unacceptable risk.	Use site weather/emergency arrangements as applicable.	Headteacher / Duty Officer
Inadequate supervision / bullying or unsafe behaviour	Pupils	Provide suitable adult supervision; intervene promptly in fighting, bullying or unsafe behaviour; report safeguarding concerns under the Safeguarding Policy.	Review supervision levels after incidents or changes in pupil numbers.	Headteacher / Duty Officer

3. Monitoring and review

- The responsible person must check that controls are in place before pupils use the area.
- Defects or unsafe conditions must be reported promptly to the premises provider and the affected area restricted where necessary.
- The assessment must be reviewed after a significant incident or near miss, a material change to the site or activities, or at least annually.

4. Related documents

- Health and Safety Policy
- Risk Assessment Policy and Procedures
- General Risk Assessment
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Kodeks Ucznia

18. Approval

Approved by: Board of Trustees, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Polish Saturday School

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