

baby class risk assessment

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This risk assessment has been prepared to review and ensure the safety of our customers and our team as we resume in person classes. It is to ensure consistency, safeguarding and to protect everyone who comes into contact with our play environments and it should be followed at all times.

It will be reviewed in line with government and our venue guidance.



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Task/Activity	Sensory Development Baby and Toddler Classes in person and online
Workplace	At venues specifically booked by The Sensory Sessions for the classes to take place, typically Church Hall venues and Community Centres. Online sessions happen on zoom
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Likelihood	Category	Severity
Coronavirus specific guidance	C	Specific guidance has been added to this risk assessment due to coronavirus. The severity of the impact is dependant on the individual and the symptoms they are experiencing therefore all specific guidance will be <u>adhered to at all times</u> to minimise risk. This will be regularly reviewed with health and safety consultants in response to government guidance
Very unlikely	1	Minor injury - (bruises, scratches, discomfort)
Unlikely	2	Injury – injury requires first aid i.e. more serious cuts, sprains
Likely	3	Reportable condition – injury or disease which requires hospital attendance
Very likely	4	Major injury (severe cut/broken bones)
Certain	5	Life changing injury/death

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Description of hazard	Consequences of hazard	Person at risk	Current control measures	Rating
Health check	Risk of coronavirus	Children and adults	<p>All adults are made are made aware prior to class attendance in person not to attend if they are experiencing any of the following symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recent onset of a new continuous cough - - a high temperature - - a loss of, change in, normal sense of taste or smell <p>Attendees shall also be made aware that they should contact The Sensory Sessions if they start to experience these symptoms after attending a class.</p> <p>This guidance will be updated in accordance with government guidance and attention will be paid to ventilation, social distancing, singing, face masks, common touch points, our resources, hand washing and areas of congestion as required.</p>	C
Accidents, tripping	Cuts and injuries	Children and adults	Continuous checks will be made during sessions to ensure that equipment and resources are stored appropriately and are not left lying on the floor	1

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Class delivery	Cuts, choking and injuries, safeguarding issues	Children and adults	<p>All class leaders are trained in the delivery of classes and are given class plans to follow to ensure the safe delivery of all sessions in person and online. All online classes are recorded. Registers are kept on all in person participants for each session.</p> <p>Class leaders are provided with policies on accident prevention, cleaning, privacy, safeguarding and provide safety warnings at each session.</p>	1
Mats	Infection control	Children and adults	Mats will be wiped down for each participant with a Detol wipe prior to use	1
Misuse of equipment	Cuts, choking and injuries	Children and adults	<p>Checks are done during each class set up and when handing out equipment to ensure that resources are safe. We hand resources out to adults for them to show and interact with them with their baby or child.</p> <p>Instructions are given to all adults at the start of each activity to ensure all adults know how to use the equipment safely. We ensure that all adults know that they are responsible for their little ones during the session.</p> <p>First aid training provided to team members</p>	1

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Toys and resources	Infection control, minor cuts and scrapes	Children and adults	<p>Checks are done during each class set up and when handing out equipment to ensure that resources are safe.</p> <p>The class leader will check that all resources and toys are suitable for use, ensuring that anything damaged is removed or replaced.</p> <p>The class leader will ensure that all toys and resources are cleaned between classes using a Milton disinfectant wipe.</p> <p>Each adult will be given their own equipment during led play to reduce cross contamination. There will be wipes made available during our sessions.</p> <p>Chiffons or fabrics that go near mouths are single use and washed for each participant</p>	1
Venues	Safety of staff and participants	Team members, children and adults attending	<p>Visual checks will be carried out at the venue to ensure that the room is safe and clean for class delivery e.g. chairs are stacked appropriately, floor is clean and maintained and there is no obvious hazard that would prevent safe class delivery.</p> <p>Any concerns should be reported to our team and classes rearranged if appropriate to ensure safety of everyone concerned.</p>	1