



85. Strawberry How Nursery School

Display Screen Equipment Risk Assessment

The main health **risks** that arise from work with **display screen equipment** are fatigue, eye strain, upper limb problems and backache. These problems can arise from **overuse of display screen equipment** or improper use, for example where a workstation is not set up properly for the user.

Within nursery we use laptop computers, touch screen computers (one with an attached keyboard and mouse), 7" screen touch screen tablets and three 40/41-inch televisions.

Risks defined 1 – 5 (with 5 offering significant risk)

Duties that require staff to use Display Screen Equipment

- Admin including (time in the Nursery Office, Planning etc)
- Tapestry Posting
- Facebook Posting
- Researching/making/printing resources for activities
- Touch Screen Computer (Squirrel Pre-School)
- Educational Television Time (Butterfly Room and Squirrel Preschool)

Assessment of Risk – Admin (RA 1/1.5)

Laptop's are used as the need for having portable equipment is essential. Staff are advised on how to sit and position themselves correctly to minimise strain on upper limbs, hands, wrists, neck and back. They are also advised to take regular breaks away from the screen to minimise and strain on their eyes.

Assessment of Risk – Uploading on Tapestry – All Rooms (RA 1)

Staff use 7" touch screen tablets to upload and complete daily and monthly observation onto Tapestry. The staff spend a maximum of 15 minutes uploading photographs and writing text for the observation.

Assessment of Risk – Uploading on Facebook (RA 1)

Staff use 20" touch screen computer with separate keyboard and mouse or a laptop computer to upload posts onto Facebook. The staff spend a maximum of 15 minutes uploading photographs and writing text for the observation.

Assessment of Risk – Researching, Making and Printing Resources for Activities (RA1)

Staff use 20" touch screen computer with separate keyboard and mouse or a laptop computer to research, make and print resources for activities. The staff spend a maximum of 10 minutes on the computers for their research.

Assessment of Risk – Touch Screen Computer in the Squirrel Preschool (RA1)

Staff monitor and manage the amount of time the children spend in front of the touch screen computers. They ensure they have a maximum of 15 minutes then rotate them out to have a break.

Assessment of Risk – Educational Television Programmes (Butterfly and Squirrel Room) (RA1)

The educational programmes vary in length but none are on for more than 20 minutes. Children are encourage to sit comfortable, no to close to the screen and watch from a reasonable distance away.

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