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SITE SURVEY REPORT

Nursery Premises Risk Assessment

Prepared for	Little Acorns Childcare Ltd
Date	15 Sep 2026
Site	Little Acorns Nursery, Harrogate
Prepared by	E. Walsh

FORM

Nursery Premises Risk Assessment

1. Record details and scope

Project	Little Acorns Nursery, Harrogate: premises risk assessment
Site or premises address	Little Acorns Nursery, 9 Oakdale Avenue, Harrogate
Client or organisation	Little Acorns Childcare Ltd
Record date	15 Sep 2026
Person completing the record	E. Walsh, nursery manager

> This is a premises risk record, not an Ofsted inspection, safeguarding case record, child assessment or complete EYFS compliance audit. Other UK nations have different frameworks.

> The Department for Education publishes the EYFS statutory frameworks for England. Providers must follow the current framework for their provider type. This premises assessment supports risk management alongside the setting's wider safeguarding and welfare arrangements. In England the requirements are in Section 3 of the framework (safeguarding and welfare requirements), under safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment. That part requires providers to take reasonable steps to keep children safe on the premises and to assess the risks, deciding which risks need a check and how often.

2. Setting and scope

Setting, provider type and nation	Little Acorns Nursery, private day nursery, group provider, England
Applicable framework and version	Early years foundation stage statutory framework for group and school-based providers, current version
Age groups and areas assessed	Baby room (under 2), toddler room (2 to 3), preschool room (3 to 5), garden, entrance and nappy change area
Staff consultation and relevant needs without child identifiers	Room leaders asked at the staff meeting on 10 September. Two children use walking frames, so routes and the garden step were checked with that in mind.

3. Area risks

Area or activity 1: Entrance and lobby

Room, outdoor area or transition	Entrance and lobby
Hazard and people affected	Children leaving with an unknown adult, or getting out when the door is open.

Physical controls and supervision arrangements	Keypad door, staff open it. Password system for collection. Pushchair park kept away from the door.
Responsible role	Duty manager

Area or activity 2: Garden

Room, outdoor area or transition	Garden
Hazard and people affected	Falls from the climbing frame and trips on the step to the lawn.
Physical controls and supervision arrangements	Safety surface under the frame. Staff positioned by the frame at all times. Step edge painted.
Responsible role	Preschool room leader
Remaining concern and further action	Safety surface worn by the slide exit. Replacement quote requested.

Area or activity 3: Baby room

Room, outdoor area or transition	Baby room
Hazard and people affected	Small items that could be swallowed, blind cords.
Physical controls and supervision arrangements	Daily sweep for small items. Blinds have cleats and cords tied up out of reach.
Responsible role	Baby room leader

Area or activity 4: Transition from preschool room to garden

Room, outdoor area or transition	Transition from preschool room to garden
Hazard and people affected	Congestion at the door and children going out unsupervised.
Physical controls and supervision arrangements	Staff member goes first and counts children out and back. Door has a high handle.
Responsible role	Preschool room leader

4. Premises checks

Access and collection arrangements reviewed	Acceptable
Play equipment and outdoor boundaries checked	Action needed
Action, limitation or reason not applicable	Safety surface worn thin under the slide exit. Slide closed off with a barrier until the surface is replaced.
Cleaning materials and hazardous items secured	Acceptable

Routes and emergency arrangements reviewed	Acceptable
Toileting and hygiene arrangements reviewed	Acceptable
Acceptable	4
Action needed	1
Not checked	0

5. Review arrangements

Changes in layout, activities or occupancy requiring review	New layout, new equipment in the garden, more children or a change of age groups. Review after any accident linked to the premises.
Agreed review date	15 Mar 2027
Manager reviewing findings	C. Ibbotson, director, Little Acorns Childcare Ltd

6. Actions and review

Are further actions required?	Yes

Further action 1: Replace the worn safety surface under the slide exit.

Action and evidence reference	Replace the worn safety surface under the slide exit.
Person responsible	E. Walsh, nursery manager
Target date	15 Oct 2026
Action status	In progress
Outstanding limitations and information to pass on	Slide closed until the surface is replaced.
Record status	Ready for review
Reviewed by	C. Ibbotson, director, Little Acorns Childcare Ltd
Date reviewed	17 Sep 2026
Author signature	

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