Dynamic Risk Assessment

Part 1

The Playing Child

Changes in play have gone beyond constraints of formal risk assessment

Yes

Assess situation: Is play or activity likely to cause harm?

No

Are the risks proportional to the benefits to children’s play needs?

Yes

Leave children to play

No

Are there alternative approaches to support children’s play needs through activity?

Yes

Introduce alternative play opportunities

No

Part 2

1. Does the situation need intervention or diversion to help re-establish play?

Yes

Introduce new play opportunities re-establish play

No

2. Has the situation become an incident?

Yes

Re-establish play
1. Deal with the incident
2. Re-establish play
3. Reflect and log incident
4. Discuss with manager
5. Follow up if necessary

OR

Withdraw from session
1. Warn children that you may have to leave as safety is being compromised
2. Withdraw from the play session explaining why.
3. Reflect and log incident
4. Discuss with manager
5. Follow up if accordingly