Risk Benefit Assessment for Trowelling Area (digging)

Benefits:	Brain & Physical development Fresh air Friendship and relationships Being creative, time to explore
Risks:	Could get mud in your eyes / ears / mouths. Could get hit by a trowel / spade. Could trip in a hole. Could get cut by a trowel/spade.
Risk Management:	Be aware of the surface around you. Keep hands to yourselves. Children to keep soil in the area – don't throw soil. Equipment to be played with safely – no throwing of equipment or swinging equipment around. Everyone help to tidy away. All reminded about not putting soil in mouth. Keep fingers away from metal edges of spades. Wash hands afterwards.
Good play:	Build mounds. Make holes and tunnels. Cooperate with children around you. Share the equipment. Be creative.
Conclusion:	You can all play in the trowelling area! *The benefits outweigh the risks.*