**Tree in Reception Playground**

We have a tree in our Reception Class Playground, pictures attached.

The tree roots have broken through the concrete stone base causing there to be tripping hazards for the children. It has been deemed extremely dangerous by our Health and Safety Governor

The playground is very small and it is the sole play area for 30 reception age children (age 4 and 5).

We have had 2 serious accidents where a piece of the broken concrete caused an injury to a child’s forehead and another child tripped over the root and had a head injury. We have tried to section this off but children are curious at that age so we need a permanent solution to this problem. The tree also takes up a large part of the play area so it is not practical with 30 children to section this area off.

As was suggested by the tree department we had a quote from KBI to put flexi pave around the tree, this has come back at a cost of £10,988.40 which is something that the school cannot afford out of the school budget.

We have exhausted all channels, we started this process back in the beginning of last year and have tried all departments, health and safety and trees who do not get back to us.

We hope that you will look favourably at the planning application to remove the dangerous tree given to cost to rectify the problem and to prevent any more serious injuries occurring.