



Risk Assessment For: Daily Site Safety Sweep

Assessment Undertaken By: Kathryn Day (Headteacher)

Date: 04 January 2024

Assessment Approved By: Trevor Watson (Health and Safety Lead)

Date: 18 January 2024

Notes
 The Forest School leader must check the site every single day before any sessions take place to ensure that our strict safety standards are being met. This is to make sure that children and adults are able to take part fully in all activities in a risk-taking environment which is as safe as possible and allow for effective dynamic risk assessment.

Date of Site Safety Sweep:		Site Safety Sweep Completed By:	
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Hazard to Check For and Potential Harm	Checks Completed and Control Measures Put in Place	Hazard Removed (Initial)?	Notes
Weather High wind causing trees or branches to fall or debris to fly about (smaller branches, sticks, leaves, dust). Risk of serious fatal injury. High temperatures. Risk of sunburn, heatstroke, dehydration. Very low temperatures. Risk of frost bite, dehydration, hypothermia.	Day Before: Weather forecast checked.		
	Day Before: Reminder sent to families about suitable hot or cold weather clothing.		
	On the Day: Weather forecast checked in the morning or afternoon dependent on time of session.		
	Forest School will be cancelled if: Winds reach gale force (37 miles per hour) or exceed Beaufort Wind Force Scale 6 (Strong Breeze).		
	Forest School will be cancelled if: Temperatures fall below -15°C remembering to take into account the wind chill factor.		
Trees and Branches Falling trees or branches. Risk of serious fatal injury.	Removal of loose branches where possible.		
	Where branches are out of reach unsafe areas are clearly roped off and entry forbidden to children.		
Trip Hazards Uneven ground, slippery slopes, wet ground and slippery paths. Risk of slips, trips and falls.	Make children and adults aware of any known hazards around the site such as exposed tree roots.		

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<p>Wasp and Bee Nests</p> <p>Wasp or bee nests. Stings carry risk of anaphylactic shock.</p>	Tape off known nests and avoid the area.		
	Use signs to advise of locations of hives or nests.		
	If the nest cannot be taped off effectively, decide whether to cancel Forest School session until nest is made safe.		
	Contact a pest control professional to remove any nests.		
	Make sure medication for children with known allergies is available on site.		
	Make sure spare epinephrine autoinjector is carried in the Forest School Emergency Kit Bag.		
<p>Hazardous Plants</p> <p>Nettles, brambles, fungi, poisonous plants. Risk of stings, cuts or poisoning and illness.</p>	Map location of nettles, brambles, fungi and poisonous plants.		
	Remove nettles and brambles that are growing over a path.		
	Fungi identified for danger and removed.		
	Children to be warned of nettles, brambles, fungi and poisonous plants prior to the start of an activity.		
	Remind children of the 'No Lick' rule.		
	Children and adults reminded not to eat anything unless Forest School Leader has given permission.		
<p>Animal Faeces</p> <p>Contact with animal faeces. Risk of infection or illness.</p>	Any animal waste removed and disposed of.		
<p>Litter</p> <p>Discovery of sharp objects or hazardous waste. Risk of cuts and scrapes, poisoning, contamination, illness.</p>	Any sharp objects or hazardous waste removed and disposed of.		
	Children and adults briefed on what to do if sharp or hazardous items found.		