

Risk Assessment For: Forest School Site

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Significant Hazard, Events and Consequences Identified	Risk Level S x L = RR	L M H	List Groups of People Who Are Especially at Risk from the Hazards	Control Measures	Residual Risk Rating S x L = RR	L M H
Falling trees or branches – serious fatal injury.	5 x 3 = 15	H	Children Staff Visitors to Forest School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual tree surveys undertaken by experienced tree surgeon and any remedial work acted on immediately. Daily weather forecasts and weather warnings will be checked and precautions followed. Forest School will be cancelled if winds reach gale force (37 miles per hour) or exceed Beaufort Wind Force Scale 6 (Strong Breeze). No working in the woodland in high winds. <i>Daily Site Safety Sweep</i> completed by Forest School Leader before every session, record completed and shared with adults. <i>Daily Site Safety Sweep</i> filed at end of session. Unsafe areas clearly roped off and entry forbidden. 	5 x 2 = 10	M
Uneven ground, slippery slopes, wet ground and slippery paths – slips, trips and falls.	4 x 5 = 20	H	Children Staff Visitors to Forest School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure all children and adults wear appropriate footwear. Make children and adults aware of any known hazards around the site such as exposed tree roots. Encourage children and adults to be aware of their surroundings. 	5 x 1 = 5	M
Contact with animal faeces – illness.	5 x 3 = 15	H	Children Staff Visitors to Forest School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Daily Site Safety Sweep</i> completed by Forest School Leader before every session, record completed and shared with adults. Any waste removed and disposed of. <i>Daily Site Safety Sweep</i> filed at end of session. Gloves, disposal bags and wipes available in Forest School Emergency Kit Bag for removal of faeces. 	5 x 1 = 5	M

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Wasp or bee stings – anaphylactic shock.	5 x 3 = 15	H	Children Staff Visitors to Forest School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Daily Site Safety Sweep</i> completed by Forest School Leader before every session, record completed and shared with adults. <i>Daily Site Safety Sweep</i> filed at end of session. • Tape off known hives or nests and avoid the area. • Use signs to advise of locations of hives or nests. • Medication for children with known allergies available on site. • Spare epinephrine autoinjector carried in Forest School Emergency Kit Bag. 	5 x 2 = 10	M
Infected tick bite – Lyme disease.	5 x 2 = 10	M	Children Staff Visitors to Forest School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear long trousers and long sleeves. • Teach children to check for ticks after Forest School sessions and advise families to check too. • Advise families to visit the doctor if children show flu-like symptoms or a rash develops. • Link on school's Forest School webpage to NHS advice on Lyme Disease. 	5 x 1 = 5	M
Leptospirosis bacteria – Weil's disease.	5 x 1 = 5	M	Children Staff Visitors to Forest School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open cuts or eczema covered. • Insist on regular hand washing, especially before eating food. • Advise families to visit the doctor if children show flu-like symptoms. • Link on school's Forest School webpage to NHS advice on Weil's Disease. 	5 x 1 = 5	M
Tetanus	5 x 1 = 5	M	Children Staff Visitors to Forest School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open cuts or eczema covered. • Insist on regular hand washing, especially before eating food. • Advise families to visit the doctor if children show tetanus symptoms (including: stiff jaw, high temperature) and are unvaccinated • Link on school's Forest School webpage to NHS advice on Tetanus. 	5 x 1 = 5	M
Insufficient hand washing.	3 x 3 = 9	M	Children Staff Visitors to Forest School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide portable hand washing facilities. • Wash hands after activities and on return to school building. 	3 x 1 = 3	L



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Nettles, brambles, fungi.	5 x 2 = 10	M	Children Staff Visitors to Forest School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily Site Safety Sweep completed by Forest School Leader before every session, record completed and shared with adults. Daily Site Safety Sweep filed at end of session. Children to be warned of nettles, brambles and fungi prior to the start of an activity. Remind of 'No Lick' rule. Children and adults reminded not to eat anything unless Forest School Leader has given permission. Nettles and brambles that are growing over a path will be removed. Fungi identified for danger and removed or all warned of area. 	5 x 1 = 5	M
Discovery of sharp objects or hazardous waste – cuts and scrapes, poisoning, contamination, illness.	5 x 4 = 20	H	Children Staff Visitors to Forest School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily Site Safety Sweep completed by Forest School Leader before every session, record completed and shared with adults. Daily Site Safety Sweep filed at end of session. Litter picks every session. Always use gloves to protect against injury. Brief all children and adults what to do if sharp or hazardous items found. 	5 x 1 = 5	M

SEVERITY	LIKELIHOOD	RISK RATING (S x L)	
1 = No injury or illness	1 = Very remote	14+	High
2 = First Aid injuries/illness	2 = Improbable		
3 = Minor injury/illness – up to 3 days away	3 = Possible	5 – 13	Medium
4 = 3(+) days injury/illness	4 = Probable		
5 = Major injury/illness	5 = Likely	1 – 4	Low
6 = Fatal or disabling injury/illness	6 = Certainty		

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