

# FOREST SCHOOL - LAWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## LIGHTING AND USING FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

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**DATE:** Dec 2023

**REVIEW DATE:** Dec 2024

	HAZARD	PERSONS AT RISK	RATING (NO CONTROLS)	WHAT MEASURES NEED TO BE TAKEN AND BY WHO	RATING (WITH CONTROLS)
1	Igniting the fire	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Fire to be lit at arms- length using fire lighter kits.</p> <p>The group will be made fully aware of the forest school fire policy and this must be followed at all times.</p> <p>FS Leader to additionally ensure the person building the fire is aware of the fire making policy. (FS leader)</p>	Low
2	Cooking - burns from kettles, pans, burning wood, flames or hot water.	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>FS Leaders to remove all items from the fire area using the fire gloves.</p> <p>The group will be seated when passed any hot item.</p> <p>Burns kit, water and fire blanket will be at the fire at all times. (FS Leader)</p> <p>Group will be made aware of the FS fire policy before using the fire - including moving around the fire in a safe and controlled manner.</p>	Low
3	Burns from hot food/water	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>All participants will be made aware of the dangers of eating food directly from the fire. Food will be hot once removed and children will have taught suitable time scales for eating food once removed from the fire.</p> <p>Burns kit will be at fire at all times. (FS leader)</p>	Low
4	Setting surrounding ground/vegetation alight.	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Fire pit will be placed with minimum risk of setting surrounding foliage alight.</p>	Low

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				<p>All feeding fuel (sticks) are well dried and pre-prepared in various sizes and to hand a safe distance from the fire, before lighting.</p> <p>A fire bucket full of water to be prepared before lighting the fire for extinguishing.</p> <p>Burning sticks not to be removed from fire.</p> <p>Fire to be put out following the fire policy. (FS Leader)</p>	
5	Slipping, tripping, falling onto fire once alight.	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Seating around the fire will be at a minimum distance of 2 metres and will be raised off the ground to aid easy exit and reduce risk of slipping and falling.</p> <p>Ensure there is a safe working distance from the fire.</p> <p>Group need to understand safety zone procedures when moving in and around the fire zone.</p> <p>Ensure group are aware if working at the fire, how to position themselves to reduce the risk of slipping/tripping reducing the risk of causing harm to themselves or others. (FS Leader)</p>	Low
6	Fire Alarm, moving towards Forest area gate.	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Area around the fire circle is kept clear of any obstacles and gate is not locked and obstructed. FS leader to do safety talk on every fire session.</p> <p>FS leader have register of all children at every session. TD to do fire practice in what is expected. All children to walk to fire assembly point.</p>	

**Risk benefit: Learning new skills, learning how to build and tend to a fire safely, learning how to cook on a fire.**

Signed by: Chloe Hendy

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Co-signed by: Karen Hambleton

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