

# FOREST SCHOOL - LAWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## ACTIVITIES USING ROPE OR STRING RISK ASSESSMENT

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	HAZARD	PERSONS AT RISK	RATING (NO CONTROLS)	WHAT MEASURES NEED TO BE TAKEN AND BY WHO	RATING (WITH CONTROLS)
1	Visibility	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Rope that is used during all activities to be bright-coloured to increase visibility.</p> <p>When not in use it will be rolled back up and stored correctly.</p> <p>Other markers can be used to increase visual impact such as hanging bags or objects off the rope. (FS Leader)</p>	Low
2	Rope Burn	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Gloves to be worn if an activity involves pulling a heavy rope.</p> <p>Children will be given the Forest School Safety talk and reminded of the expectations before using rope in any activity.</p> <p>Leaders to monitor and step in when necessary.</p> <p>Activities involving rope pulling will be controlled tightly by qualified staff. (FS Leader)</p>	Low
3	Trip	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Brightly coloured, high visibility ropes will always be used during rope tasks.</p> <p>Groups will be taught the best places to position their ropes for activity with consideration of others and to avoid the likelihood of trips. (FS Leader)</p>	Low
4	Entanglement	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>The use of rope follows the safety procedures and groups will be monitored and supervised by qualified leaders. Leader carries an effective cutting blade at all times. (FS Leader)</p>	Low

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<b>5</b>	Catching neck	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Ropes to be brightly coloured.</p> <p>Groups using ropes will avoid putting them at a height where people could walk into them and hurt their neck.</p> <p>Children will be advised of the dangers of misusing ropes. Adults to observe carefully and intervene immediately if the group are not following advice.</p> <p>Leader will advise and demonstrate how to avoid having ropes at neck height. (FS Leader)</p>	Low
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**Risk benefit: Assessing uses for different materials, developing fine motor skills, learning knot skills which may be needed in later life.**

Signed by: Chloe Hendy

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