

FOREST SCHOOL - LAWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

FOREST SCHOOL SITE/SESSION 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	Weather	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>A general welfare and weather risk assessment completed and to be followed. FS leader to check weather forecasts before session.</p> <p>Children to be dressed appropriately (FS leader)</p>	Low
2	Forest school site	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Woodlands site risk assessment completed and to be followed.</p> <p>Ensure that volunteers and adults are aware of the site risk assessment. Area to be checked before each session. (FS Leader)</p>	Low
3	Lifting materials	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Lifting procedures to be followed.</p> <p>Group and leaders will be made aware of/read the necessary risk assessments and put this into practise when modelling lifting. (FS leader)</p>	Low
4	Insects and plants	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Avoiding areas that contain stinging plants and insects.</p> <p>Site walk to be completed before each session begins.</p> <p>Cordon off potentially harmful or unsafe areas.</p>	Low

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				Children to be made aware of any plants which could be harmful if ingested. Remind children to not eat anything we find on site. (FS Leader)	
5	Litter and debris	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Site walk to be completed before session.</p> <p>Ensure children know to report litter to an adult and not pick it up without correct safety equipment.</p> <p>If litter becomes problematic, children to use litter pickers and gloves to complete a safe litter pick (FS Leader)</p>	Low
6	Uneven ground	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Site walk to be completed before session and any uneven ground to be pointed out to group.</p> <p>Discuss with group how to move around site safely.</p> <p>Children and adults to look out for potential hazards and report these to FS leader. Cordon off if needed. (FS leader)</p>	

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7	Low branches and trees	Group & leaders	Medium	Areas will be chosen as best as possible to avoid eye height branches. Any hazards will be pointed out to the children. FS leader and adults to model good techniques and behaviours when working on FS site. (FS leader)	
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Risk benefit: Developing love of the outdoors and assessing uses for different materials.

Signed by: Chloe Hendy

Co-signed by: Karen Hambleton