

**FOREST SCHOOL - LAWN PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**LEAVING THE GROUND 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>Weather check to be done before session takes place.</p> <p>Children to be dressed appropriately.</p> <p>Group will be fully equipped to deal with potential hazards arising from poor weather.</p>	Low
2	Forest school site	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>FS site walk to be completed before each session.</p> <p>FS site risk assessment completed.</p> <p>The group will be made aware of aspects highlighted in the Site Risk Assessment.</p>	Low
3	Head injury	Group & leaders	Medium/high	<p>Height limit set.</p> <p>Parent/ guardian agreement form for each child to be completed prior.</p> <p>Avoid in wet conditions.</p> <p>Group must understand that they need to show the Forest School Leader the tree first, clear area below of logs, stones etc.</p> <p>FS Leader to clear and/or highlight any branches to avoid.</p> <p>Adult to be watching climb at all times.</p>	Low

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<b>4</b>	Lifting	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Groups to be taught how to lift correctly to avoid back injury.</p> <p>Group to practise lifting technique on smaller objects before lifting larger.</p>	Low
<b>5</b>	Being dropped by group	Group & leaders	Medium	Lifting procedures to be followed correctly.	Low
<b>6</b>	Hitting the ground	Group and leaders	Medium/high	<p>Area selected will be cleared of any stones and branches. Adult to agree that site is suitable.</p> <p>Adult to always monitor when climbing is taking place.</p>	Low

**Risk benefit: Developing love of the outdoors, assessing risks and taking sensible risks, knowing own boundaries and strengths.**

Signed by: Chloe Hendy

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