

# FOREST SCHOOL - LAWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SITE SPECIFIC 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)
<b>1</b>	Branches falling from trees or hanging down low	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Daily weather forecasts and weather warnings will be checked and precautions followed.</p> <p>Forest School will be cancelled on days with a Weather warnings assessed using Beaufort Score of 9 in line with weather warnings.</p> <p>Site sweep on days that are windy (Beaufort score Of 9 &lt; 6) ensure no loose branches are present.</p> <p>Remove loose branches where possible.</p> <p>Students will be warned about the dangers and shown danger areas.</p>	Low
<b>2</b>	Extreme Cold	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Weather checked and weather warnings will be followed.</p> <p>Ensure students wear appropriate cold weather clothing, (thermals, hats, scarves, waterproofs, gloves and layers.)</p> <p>Ensure that letters are sent to parents to remind them about suitable clothing and check replies. A supply of spare warm clothing is available for extra layers. Making sure students are warm and comfortable during session.</p> <p>The Forest School leader may refuse to allow children's attendance if not dressed appropriately.</p> <p>Cancelling Forest School when weather is set to be below - 5 degrees (depending on age of students)</p>	Low
<b>3</b>	Extreme Heat	Group & leaders	High	<p>Weather to be checked and weather warnings will be followed.</p> <p>☐Ensure students are wearing suitable loose clothing: long sleeved tops, trousers and a hat and sun cream.</p> <p>The Forest School leader may refuse to allow children who are not dressed appropriately to attend.</p> <p>Sun cream to be applied 1-2 hourly.</p> <p>Ensure the students take regular breaks to hydrate.</p>	Low

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				<p>Ensuring that students do not spend extended periods in full sunshine and avoid direct sun between 11.00-3.00.</p> <p>Encourage students to find shady areas for hydration breaks.</p> <p>A shelter will be put up to provide shade if there is no natural shade available</p>	
4	Uneven ground/ nettles and brambles	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Ensure all students wear appropriate footwear is worn.</p> <p>Make students aware of any known hazards around the site such as exposed tree roots.</p> <p>Encourage students to be aware of their surroundings.</p> <p>Students to be warned of nettles, brambles and fungi prior to the start of an activity. Remind of 'No lick or touch rule.</p> <p>Nettles and brambles that are growing over a path will be removed. Fungi identified for danger and removed or all warned of area</p>	Low
5	Animal Faeces	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>The Forest School leader will check the site prior to any visit and remove and dispose of any waste.</p>	Low
6	Accident/Illness	Group	Medium	<p>Within the Health and Safety briefing the students will be informed of action they should take if they feel ill or have an accident.</p> <p>A fully stocked first aid kit on site at all times.</p> <p>A certified first aider on site at all times.</p> <p>There will be an up to date log book to record any incidents/illnesses on site at all times.</p> <p>Students emergency contact will be with the School office</p> <p>Ensure insect bites are recorded and information given to teacher passed onto parent/carer.</p> <p>T.A to remove child from site to a more comfortable place.</p>	Low

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<b>7</b>	Ponds/ Wells disease	Group & leaders	High	Limit contact with pond water. Hand wash to be provided. No eating near the pond. Don't reach into the pond through the bars. No climbing of pond barrier.	Low
<b>8</b>	Discovery of sharp objects or hazardous waste.	Group & leaders	High	FSL to carry out site search before and after sessions. Always use gloves to protect against injury. Brief all adults what to do if sharp/hazardous items found. Children to complete sticky feet/elbow to ensure all together and away from hazard.	Low
<b>9</b>	Tools in use for FS session	Group & leaders	Medium	Brief all students on correct tool use. Demonstrate proper tool use techniques. Forest School staff to supervise all tool use at all times. First aid kit always available Fire safety talk reinforced	

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