

Forest School Site Risk Assessment

Forest School Leader	Site Location	Nearest A & E	School Contact Details
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Hazard	Risk	Who is at Risk?	Severity L/M/H	Control Measure	Likelihood L/M/H
Open space with no enclosure from the rest of the school grounds	Children wondering off in other areas of the school grounds	Participants	M	Take group register prior to session Set out rules and space boundaries with children, encourage children of appropriate risk taking and working in their safe bubble. The whole school site is gated/fenced so no risk of children leaving the school premises. Ensure a headcount throughout session.	L
Tree roots	Tripping over and sustaining a break, bump or cut	Participants and staff	L	Introduce and remind children of working in safe bubble and of the no running rule. Highlight that the children need to take their time and be aware of their surrounding area and to risk assess.	L
Nettles/Hedges/Spikes	Getting stung, rash or an allergic reaction	Participants and staff	M	Highlight to children the various plants to avoid within the site.	L

Trees/Branches/ Overhang	Walking into and sustaining cuts, bumps, or a more serious injury including a puncture of some kind	Participants and staff	M	Introduce and remind children of working in safe bubble and of the no running rule. Highlight that the children need to take their time and be aware of their surrounding area and to risk assess.	L
Uneven Ground	Tripping or tumbling over. Leading into a serious injury such as broken bone, twisted ankle, head injury, cuts, bumps and bruises	Participants and staff	M	Introduce and remind children of working in safe bubble and of the no running rule. Highlight that the children need to take their time and be aware of their surrounding area and to risk assess.	L
Toilet facilities	Children needing to use toilet facilities during session	Participants and staff	L	Ensure that children attend to toileting needs prior to session/Adults to accompany children to and back from toilet	L
Unsuitable objects	Children may come across objects not suitable to the environment; litter, glass, animal faeces and other objects	Participants and staff	L	Pre – session check of the sight to remove any unpleasant/unsuitable items from the environment.	L
SEND Children	Not fully understanding the risks	SEND Children and 1:1 staff	M	Ensure there is a supervisor allocated to children that are either SEND or being investigated for SEND Discuss with SENDCO about access to some activities based on risk Vs benefit (fire making)	M

Low (L)/ Medium (M)/ High (H)