



Outdoor Classroom/Forest School Area Play Risk Assessments

Risk Assessment Date 21/3/22 Assessed by Chris Tolson & Niall O'Brien

Description of Activity, Principle or Object, who might be at risk and what kind of harm.	Description of risk management and maintenance agreed	Nominated person	Action Date
<p>Outdoor Classroom/ Forest School Area/Outdoor Green Space/ Gate to beck</p> <p>Identified Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tripping on uneven ground ● Damage to face and eyes (branches) ● Nettle stings ● Climbing risk ● Absconding ● Poisoning – flora ● Slipping on hill ● Throwing stones ● Injury from large sticks during play ● Trips and slips – pallets ● Glass in soil identified 	<p>Pupils must be supervised at all times. Expectations around behaviour/conduct and safe usage of natural materials made clear</p> <p>Weekly checks to take place to identify potential new risks</p> <p>avoid space if risk determined to be imminent.</p> <p>Pupil/employee/volunteer use (Site manager)</p> <p>First Aid trained staff member to be with pupils at all times</p> <p>Mobile phone to be taken to all learning activities</p>	<p>All Staff On Duty at break/lunch and during active enrichment</p>	

Children playing with/using rope: potential for neck injury and strangulation.	<p>All pre-looped rope has been discarded. Climbing rope not used. All rope checked to ensure it is in appropriate condition.</p> <p>Pupils must be supervised at all times.</p>	All Staff On Duty at break/lunch and during active enrichment	
Trees climbing: potential injury falling from trees with thin or weak branches.	<p>Only trees in safe condition can be climbed. Limit the number of pupils climbing to ensure it is safe. Pupils to be briefed about the 'twice your height maximum' rule. Pupils must be supervised at all times.</p>	All Staff On Duty at break/lunch and during active enrichment	
Pupils playing in different environment with new potential dangers: There is an increased risk of minor injury to pupils who may require immediate first aid.	<p>Pupils with minor injuries (scratches and minor abrasions) will be treated in situ. More serious injuries will be referred to lead First Aid trained adult who will deal with as appropriate, informing a member of SLT if the injury requires parental contact or hospital treatment.</p>	All Staff On Duty at break/lunch and during active enrichment	26/11/2020

<p>Works being carried out by external companies or volunteer</p> <p>Identified Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power tools being used • Injury slip/trip/fall • Tools being left out • Building materials (faulty/damaged) • Screws/nails/metal fixings • Pupils in this area unsupervised • Insurance • Fire risk assessment 	<p>Visit/volunteer policy to be adhered to</p> <p>DBS checks complete</p> <p>Regular checks to take place while provider/volunteer is on the premises (SLT)</p> <p>Area to be swept after works for the day is complete (Site manager)</p>		25/4/21
<p>Water Hazards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of stagnant water (infection) • Risk of drowning • Ingestion 	<p>Pupils must be supervised at all times.</p> <p>Gate to Nature Reserve to be locked in-between useage</p> <p>Discuss water safety/ drowning/dangers of ingestion and infection with children</p>	<p>All Staff On Duty at learning time/break/lunch and during active enrichment</p>	25/4/21

(Updated 21/3/22)

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