

Forest School Activity Risk Assessment

Session		Date: WB	
Forest School Leader	Mrs Ahmad	Additional Adults	
Group		Venue	School Woodland Infant Site

On repetitive activities such as circle time, FS Leader to sign and date each week in the allocated box
Low (L)/ Medium (M)/ High (H)

Hazard	Risk	Who is at Risk?	Severity L/M/H	Control Measure	Likelihood L/M/H
Bug Hunt	Insect bites and stings	Participants and staff	L	Remind children to take special care when handling insects.	L
Hide and Seek	Tripping on uneven ground, bumping into trees and any injury from natural environment such as overhanging branches	Participants and staff	M	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
Twig/Leaf Identification	splinters	Participants and staff	L	Remind children to take care when handling items from the natural environment especially with rough splintered wood.	L
Make Mexican eye/Mobile	Splinters from handling sticks	Participants and staff	L	Remind children to take care when handling items from the natural environment especially with rough splintered wood.	L

Make a den/shelter/home	Tripping on uneven ground, bumping into trees and any injury from natural environment such as overhanging branches and splinters.	Participants and staff	M	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. Remind participants to adhere to safe carrying.	L
Treasure Hunt	Tripping on uneven ground, bumping into trees and any injury from natural environment such as overhanging branches and splinters.	Participants and staff	L	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
Sharing hot chocolate and biscuits	Burning mouth on hot drink or choking on biscuit	Participants and staff	L	Remind children to take care whilst drinking and eating. Adult to add cold milk to cool the drink.	L
Circle Time	Falling off stumps (seating)	Participants and staff	L	Make sure all adults model good, expected behaviour and safe sitting. Children reminded of how to enter and exit circle area.	L

Story Map	Paper cut, poked by pencil or sitting/injured on or by items from natural environment	Participants and staff	L	Remind children to work in their safe bubble. Risk assess where they will choose to sit and to take care when handling items.	L
FS Games	Tripping on uneven ground, bumping into trees and any injury from natural environment such as overhanging branches	Participants and staff	M	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

Add any other activities not listed above

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Date						
Signature (FOREST SCHOOL LEADER)						
Signature (ADDITIONAL adult)						