

Risk area:

**Forest School Site Risk Assessment**

<b>Assessment performed by:</b>	Forest School Leader
<b>Workplace:</b>	<i>Whitnash Primary School</i>
<b>Employer:</b>	LEA

Some Potential Hazards in this Risk Area	Estimated Risk Level			Some Useful Controls in this Risk Area	Action Dated
	High	Med.	Low		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Uneven ground</li> <li>-slips trips and falls</li> <li>-tripping on logs, tree roots</li> <li>-Poisonous and harmful plants</li> <li>-Unsafe/weak wooden bridge and structure.</li> <li>-Unsafe trees at risk of falling</li> <li>-Branches and twigs from shrubs and trees at eye level</li> <li>-Animal faeces</li> <li>-Litter eg glass bottles and sharp objects</li> <li>-Syringe needles and drug paraphernalia</li> </ul>		<p>Med</p> <p>Med</p> <p>Med</p> <p>High</p> <p>Med</p> <p>Med</p> <p>Med</p> <p>High</p> <p>High</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Children warned about uneven ground and trip hazards. Children must wear suitable footwear e.g walking boots or wellies</li> <li>-Children warned of slippery areas and told to avoid areas if weather is bad.</li> <li>-Site will be checked regularly and harmful and poisonous plants identified to the children, corner off or removed if necessary.</li> <li>-Wooden structure made out of bounds to children and cornered off. Planned removal of wooden structure.</li> <li>-Trees and shrubs to be regularly checked. Broken branches to be removed and pruned when necessary.</li> <li>-Children notified of hazards e.g eye level twigs</li> <li>-Site to be checked regularly and assessed before each session by forest school leader hazards such as faeces, and litter to be removed. If drug paraphernalia is found the head teacher will be informed and this will be removed safely.</li> <li>-Children warned to look out for faeces and litter and to avoid touching them and notify the forest school leader who will remove them safely.</li> </ul>	
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If one of these hazards is identified in your school, please tick (✓) the level of risk, and indicate the date when any consequent controls were put in place. For additional hazards and/or control measures, please use the table below.

Additional Hazards Identified in this School	Estimated Risk Level			Control Measures to be Instituted	Action Dated
	High	Med.	Low		
<p>-Pupils climbing trees</p> <p>-Children eating harmful berries or plants e.g mushrooms and fungi</p> <p>-Scratches from sharp thorns, stinging nettles and brambles</p> <p>-Bites and stings from wasps/ bees</p>		<p>Med</p> <p>High</p> <p>Low</p> <p>Low</p>		<p>-No tree climbing policy within school to be enforced by staff</p> <p>-Children warned about dangers of eating berries and mushrooms. Children told to keep their hands out of their mouths when in forest School. Only Food provided by the Forest school leader should be eaten in Forest school. Hands washed following session.</p> <p>-Children to always wear long sleeves and trouser when at Forest school. Children taught to identify stinging nettles and brambles to avoid playing in them.</p> <p>-Children warned not to catch or disturb bees and wasps and to stay still if they land on them</p> <p>-Forest School staff to be first aid trained and always carry a first aid kit</p>	

People at risk (✓):	Pupils	Staff	Parents	Parent helpers	Visitors	Contractors
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Employees informed of risk assessment via all of the following means:	1. Urgent announcement (if deemed necessary) to pupils and/or staff 2. Copy of this RA to all staff for insertion in their RA Handbooks 3. Copy of RA on notice boards and wherever else appropriate
Employees to report newly-identified hazards via:	Head teacher and forest school leader Via email or face to face
Date of next assessment:	Jan 23
Assessment frequency:	Half termly
Date:	3.11.22
Signed:	Mrs Henshaw