

Risk Assessment for Wooded Area
2020

Hazard	At Risk	Control of Risk
General	Adults/Children	Check area for rubbish and glass, broken objects and remove. Correct clothing to be worn- long sleeved tops, boots, waterproof trousers (gloves, hats, coats as weather required). Head count before and after. If no staff in hall, then keys, phone and register must be present.
Car Park	Children	Children led to forest area by an adult, front and back. No child is allowed to leave the forest area without an adult.
Fencing gate	Children/adults	Fencing checked regularly. No general damage including support posts secure, no large splits in wood to cause splinters or sharp points, wire secure, no holes large enough for a child to get through. Covid: staff wear gloves or wash hands before and after while putting fencing out and in
Child getting out into car park or field	Children	Once in, gate must be bolted, adult to take child in for toilet, no climbing the fence
Trees	Children/adults	Trees regularly checked for damage to limbs and branches. Children taught not to climb over shoulder height
Ground	Children/adults	No running, boots to be worn and children made aware of stumps and prickles
Foreign Objects	Child/adults	Check area for rubbish and glass, broken objects and remove. Children taught when digging or playing to tell ateacher if they come across something buried to stop and call an adult. Correct clothing to be worn
Weather	Child/adults	Weather assessed before Forest School. No entry if high winds, heavy downpour. Any large amounts of snow dislodged safely before entry. Correct clothing worn at all times

Equipment	Child/adults	All equipment checked regularly. Children taught to use trowels and forks and not swing them around. Potato peelers used under strict adult supervision. Appropriate clothing worn at all times Covid: clean everything used or touched after play is finished
Plants vegetation and creepy crawlies	Child/adults	Children taught to respect the trees and insects and not abuse them. Poisonous plants could cause harm to children if ingested. List of poisonous plants kept in managers file Stinging nettles and Holly are kept under control by staff. Children taught not to put anything in their mouths
Forest School use and general use	Child	Numbers of children monitored, correct ratios adhered to. No child to go into forest area alone. A minimum of two adults must be in area at all times . Children counted in and out. No non forest school toys allowed.