

## Site Risk Assessment

**Emergency Telephone Numbers**

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**Location of Site**

Whitewater C of E Primary School  
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Grid Reference for Air Ambulance: SU 71200 56300



Activity	<b>Forest School – Fire and Cooking on the Fire</b>		Date	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2022
Location	Whitewater C of E Primary School	School / Visiting Group		
Responsible staff	Robyn Jones	Possible Visitors to site	n/a	
Risk Assessment written by Position Signature	<b>Robyn Jones Forest School Leader</b>	Risk Assessment Checked/Approved by	<b>Steve Moore Executive Headteacher</b>	
Location of nearest Defibrillator and Code (if known)	<b>Rotherwick Village Hall</b>			
Person (s) responsible on site for 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid. <b>Robyn Jones</b>	<b>Cert. type</b>	<b>Paediatric First Aid (12 hour)</b>	<b>Date of Cert.</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b>

## Activity Risk/Benefit Assessment

<b>Which activity is this assessment for?</b>		<b>Fire and Cooking on the Fire</b>				
<b>Consider the benefits to the children of allowing this activity to take place:</b>		Life skills, independence skills, risk management, achieving, perseverance, socialization, basic cooking skills, learning about the fire triangle				
<b>The Hazard</b>	<b>Who could be harmed?</b>	<b>How could they be harmed?</b>	<b>Level of risk (with no control measures in place)</b>	<b>Control</b>	<b>Who will carry out control measure and when (before or during activity)?</b>	<b>Level of risk (with control measures in place)</b>
General	Adult/Children	Severe burn	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bucket with water near to fire</li> <li>- Burns First Aid Kit</li> <li>- Fire gloves</li> <li>- Teach about body position and stance</li> <li>- Rules around fire circle entry and exit, not running around fire</li> <li>- Only allowed in fire circle if adult present and invites them in.</li> <li>- Seating minimum 1.5 metre away from fire</li> <li>- Teach about fires in general</li> <li>- Model and teach how to use a fire lighter</li> <li>- Ensure enough fuel is present before starting</li> <li>- Ensure wood is suitable prior to starting</li> <li>- Avoid burning Cherry Loral, elder or yew</li> <li>- Wear appropriate clothing (no hats, scarves) and hair tied back</li> <li>- Children to sit on logs/benches when the fire is lit.</li> <li>- Teach how to extinguish fire safely</li> <li>- Ensure fire area is left with no impact and no evidence of fire</li> <li>- Ensure adult present is first aid trained</li> </ul>	Forest School Leader (before/ during)	Low

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Only forest school leader supervises fire lighting</li> <li>- Assess suitability of learner</li> <li>-</li> </ul>		
Cooking on an open fire	Adult/children	Severe burn Food poisoning Allergic reactions	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensure cooking utensils are cleaned thoroughly after use and stored appropriately</li> <li>- Avoid cross contamination</li> <li>- Use a thermometer to check temperature of food if applicable/adult checking that food/drink is cool enough before the children have it.</li> <li>- Check allergies of group and dietary needs</li> <li>- Ideally person cooking to have food hygiene certificate</li> <li>- All food to be within date and previously stored correctly</li> <li>- Hot cooking items to be kept within the fire area.</li> <li>- Use of fire gloves to facilitate lifting hot items</li> <li>- Bowl of warm water and soap or hand sanitizer present for cleaning hands prior and after handling food.</li> <li>- Discard appropriately any leftover food items</li> </ul>	Forest School Leader/Support Staff (before/during/after)	Low
Using a Kelly kettle	Adult/Children	Scald Severe burn	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Use fire gloves when moving Kelly kettle, carry by handle</li> <li>- Put fuel through the top chimney by keeping hands to one side of the opening, resting the sticks on the edge of the chimney and letting the stick fall in</li> <li>- Do not overfill</li> <li>- Check Kelly kettle before use to ensure undamaged</li> <li>- Place on a flat and stable surface</li> <li>- Ensure bung is in to transfer</li> <li>- Pour using handle and chain for bung</li> <li>- Follow fire safety as above.</li> </ul>	Forest School Leader/Support Staff (before/during/after)	Low

**Low Risk** (Something which may result in minor damage or slight harm i.e. scratch or bruise)

**Medium Risk** (Something which may result in a significant loss/damage or major injury i.e. broken bone or other injury which results in person being taken to hospital for treatment)

**High risk** (something which may result in extensive damage, multiple or major injuries or death.)