

## Site Risk Assessment

### Emergency Telephone Numbers

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### Location of Site

Whitewater C of E Primary School  
The Street  
Rotherwick  
RG27 9BG

To Hudson Copse Woods, Cowfold Lane, Rotherwick  
Grid Reference for Air Ambulance: SU 71986 56527



Activity	<b>Forest School – Offsite Woodlands Visits</b>		Date	01/12/2022
Location	Hudson Copse Woods, Cowfold Lane, Rotherwick		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

Which activity is this assessment for?		Offsite Woodland Visits				
Consider the benefits to the children of allowing this activity to take place:		Physical development, independence skills, risk management, team work, achieving, perseverance, creativity, safety, develop social skills, using natural world for a purpose, imagination, developing knowledge, exploration, taking responsibility				
The Hazard	Who could be harmed?	How could they be harmed?	Level of risk (with no control measures in place)	Control	Who will carry out control measure and when (before or during activity)?	Level of risk (with control measures in place)
Walking to woodland site	Adult/Children	Road traffic, Missing children	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staff to children ratios</li> <li>- Children accounted for</li> <li>- High visibility vests/jackets</li> <li>- Buddy system</li> <li>- Use minibus for younger children</li> <li>- Use of 123 where are you when in woodland</li> </ul>	Forest School Leader/Support Staff (before/during/after)	Low
Members of public/dog walkers	Adult/Children	Aggression/fear inducing	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staff to children ratios</li> <li>- High visibility vests/jackets</li> <li>- Use of 123 where are you when in woodland</li> <li>- Explain about stranger awareness</li> <li>- Explain about not touching animals/dogs</li> </ul>	Forest School Leader/Support Staff	Low
Uneven ground, natural obstacles	Children	Slips, trips and falls	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Model being aware of trip hazards</li> <li>- Inspection of site on arrival</li> </ul>	Forest School Leader/Support staff (during)	Low
Sharp branches, thorns, nettles	Adult/Children	Minor cut/scratch/stings	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Make children aware of potential hazards</li> <li>- Make gloves available</li> <li>- First aid to be applied at site, Emergency services to be called for severe injuries</li> </ul>	Forest School Leader/Support Staff (during)	Low
Poisonous plants	Children	Contact dermatitis, gastrointestinal disorder	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- See <b>Natural Structured Loose Materials Play RBA</b></li> </ul>	Forest School Leader/Support Staff (before/during)	Low

Animal droppings	Children	Disease	Medium	- See <b>Natural Structured Loose Materials Play RBA</b>	Forest School Leader/Support Staff (during)	Low
Using ropes	Children	Rope burn Strangulation Being trapped by a rope	Medium	- See <b>Natural Structured Loose Materials Play RBA</b>	Forest School Leader/Support Staff (before/during)	Low
Logs/branches	Adult/Children	Being hit by a branch Falling over a log Dropping a log onto a limb	Medium	- See <b>Natural Structured Loose Materials Play RBA</b>	Forest School Leader/Support Staff (during)	Low
Climbing trees	Children	Fall from height	High	- See <b>Natural Structured Loose Materials Play RBA</b>	Forest School Leader (before/during)	Low
Using tarp	Children	Suffocation	Medium	See <b>Natural Structured Loose Materials Play RBA</b>	Forest School Leader (before/during)	Low
Large objects falling from canopy	Adult/Children	Serious Injury	Medium	- Check weather prior to session (Remain on school site if high winds/storm warning) - Assess trees prior to session and tape off potentially unsafe trees	Forest School Leader(before)	Low
Small objects falling from canopy	Adult/Children	Bump/Bruise	Medium	- Check weather prior to session (Remain on school site if high winds/storm warning) - Assess trees prior to session and tape off potentially unsafe trees	Forest School Leader (before)	Low
Using pegs	Children	Cut/Stabbing	Medium	- See <b>Natural Structured Loose Materials Play RBA</b>	Forest School Leader/Support Staff (before/during/after)	Low
Using string/wool/paracord	Children	Choking/strangulation	Medium	- See <b>Natural Structured Loose Materials Play RBA</b>	Forest School Leader/Support Staff (during)	Low

Searching for invertebrates	Children	Eating Being bit/stung	Medium	- See <b>Natural Structured Loose Materials Play RBA</b>	Forest School Leader/Support Staff (during)	Low
Mud/Clay Play	Children	Eating mud/clay, Mud/clay in eyes, sharp objects in mud/clay	Medium	- See <b>Natural Structured Loose Materials Play RBA</b>	Forest School Leader/Support Staff (during)	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.)