

St Faith's Church of England Infant and Nursery School

Risk/ Benefit Analysis: Forest School General Welfare/ Weather

RISK

- Low (L) Something which may result in a minor injury such as scratches, bruises or minor discomfort.
- Medium (M) Something which could result in major injury (broken bone, severe cut or burn which results in being taken to hospital).
- High (H) Something which could result in multiple major injuries or death.

LIKELIHOOD

- Low (L) The suggested risk is unlikely to happen during the activity.
- Medium (M) The suggested risk could happen during the activity.
- High (H) The suggested risk is extremely likely or certain to occur during the activity.

Hazard	Benefit	Who can be harmed? How?	Risk Level	Likelihood	Control measures	Risk level after control measures	Likelihood level after control measures
Weather (hot, cold, wet, high winds, storms)	-Being outside experiencing changing seasons and weather -Learning to look after themselves and keep safe in various types of weather -Resilience	Everyone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunburn, sunstroke, dehydration • Cold, wet, hypothermia 	M	H	-Appropriate clothing -Adequate shade -Sun cream -Water always available -Adequate shelter provided in cold/ wet weather -Sessions cancelled during high winds, thunderstorms, extreme heat waves	L	L
Inappropriate footwear/ clothing	None	Anyone not wearing correct footwear/ clothing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becoming too hot/ cold/ wet • Sun burn/ sunstroke • Safety – inappropriate footwear/ clothing causing injury e.g. climbing in none-grip shoes/ grazes to bare skin 	M	M	- Parents given list of clothing/ footwear required for sessions -Reminders sent to parents before sessions -Forest school leaders to check clothing/ footwear prior to session -Provide spare clothing/ footwear if necessary -If children are deemed to be at risk due to inappropriate clothing/ footwear and not enough spares are available, session will be cancelled	L	L

General health/ welfare	-Being outdoors benefits health and well-being -Looking after own self/ each other	Everyone -Low well-being/ feeling unwell leads to lack of enjoyment/ involvement -Changes in mood may affect the other members of the group -An unwell person could infect others	L	M	-Water and snacks always available -Hot drinks provided in cold weather -Ensure everyone is wearing adequate clothing -Forest school leaders aware of the individual needs of all children -In case of high temperature/ sickness, child will be sent home	L	L
Medical needs/ Known allergies	-Providing opportunities for all regardless of medical/ physical needs	Anyone with a medical need/ allergy	H	H	-Up to date information about individual needs to be kept on site and shared with all staff prior to session -Ensure medication required is on site and close to hand -Controlled medication to be kept in locked shed, in a cool box if necessary	L	L

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