



RISK ASSESSMENT – Groups and individuals

Location/Activity:	Stoneydelph Forest School	Date:	January 2025
FS Leader:	Miss Sarah Kidner	Review date:	January 2026

Low risk – a minor injury e.g. scratch or bruise

Medium risk – significant loss/damage or injury such as broken bones (requires hospital trip)

High risk – extensive loss, multiple injuries or death

Hazard	Who is at risk?	Risk	Potential level of risk:	Control measures and who is responsible for actions	Level of risk after control	Risk benefit
Group cohesion	Adults/ children	Negative learning of undesirable behaviour	Medium	Group awareness games Adults modelling positive behaviour Adults enforcing the behaviour policy Adults support when needed	Low	A well bonded group will build on one another's strengths and will develop relationships through their time spent together.
Shy participant	Adults/ children	Difficulty in taking part, wonder off, feeling overwhelmed	Medium	Group teaching – start with smaller groups. Adults to slowly encourage the learner Adult support when needed Learner has a chosen safe place Adults to be aware of the lost child procedure	Low	Clear boundaries will be beneficial for all learners and adults. Opportunities to express themselves and their preferences in the correct manner.
Boisterous participant	Adults/ children	Boisterous use of materials, causing injury to themselves or others	Medium	Adults modelling positive behaviour Adults enforcing the behaviour policy Adult supervision when required Adults model safe use of natural materials	Low	

Participant lacking confidence	Adults/ children	Not believing in themselves, difficulty in taking part, feeling overwhelmed	Medium	Group teaching – start with smaller groups. Adults to slowly encourage the learner Adult support when needed Regular opportunities for achievement and success Repetition of favourite activities	Low	Opportunities to overcome their inhibitions in the woodland environment and apply new confidence in alternative situations.
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