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### Risk Assessment – Nature Awareness Walk

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**Operating Notes:**

Supervision ratio is 1 instructor to 1 class plus one additional instructor nearby. There is no requirement for an additional adult. Instructor to be trained to in-house syllabus. Refresher training as directed by session observations. The school is responsible for grouping the pupils with a supervising adult.

**Risk – Benefit Statement:** Exploring the season with your senses enhances wellbeing, learning and makes lasting memories. Prickly plants and the changing weather are all part of this rich experience.

Hazard Description and activities giving rise to risk	Who may be harmed	Control Measures	Risk Rating
Slips, trips, falls. Public & dogs Walking on the reserve	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instructor leads the way, pupils walk behind, with member of staff at end of line</li> <li>Pupils told not to talk to public</li> <li>Pupils told not to stroke dogs, we stand still &amp; wait for owner to put dog on lead</li> <li>Groups of pupils assigned an adult to stay in sight of at all times</li> <li>Pupils warned of hazards: rabbit holes, open water, nettles, gorse, overhanging branches</li> </ul>	low
Death by poisoning Poisonous plants and fungi	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural hazards pointed out and children told to admire but not touch</li> </ul>	medium

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Road Accident Crossing the haul road	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The haul road is used by sand lorries and heavy plant machinery going to the working sand quarry. Instructors will stop pupils at a safe distance before the road. Listen and look for vehicles and escort pupils across whilst standing themselves in the middle of the road. High vis tabards are available on request.</li> <li>Instructors will use the safe crossing places</li> <li>Although traffic is infrequent on this road it is big and in dry weather creates a cloud of dust so stand well back from any traffic</li> </ul>	medium
Stings or scratches Stopping to feel textures and engage in mini activities.	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instructor to scan area for litter or hazards let behind by public and remove them</li> <li>Instructor will scan area for natural hazards and warn pupils of any</li> <li>Pupils will be told of the boundaries and must remain where their appointed adult can see them at all times</li> <li>Pupils told walk sensibly when carrying sticks</li> <li>Pupils told to move pebbles with care and consideration for others safety</li> <li>Wash hands with soapy water after activity and before eating</li> </ul>	low
Getting lost Stopping to play games or carry out activities on the reserve	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupils will be given boundaries to stay in</li> <li>Pupils will be reminded to stay insight of their allocated adult</li> </ul>	low
<b>First Aid emergencies</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take first aid kit</li> <li>Take radio</li> </ul>	
<b>Weather Conditions</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The lead instructor will review the risk assessment in view of the season &amp; weather on the day.</li> <li>The instructor will amend activity if ongoing changing weather conditions effect risks</li> </ul>	low