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Risk Assessment – Plant Power

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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.

Risk – Benefit Statement: Learning through hands on 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"> • Instructor leads the way, pupils walk behind, with member of staff at end of line • Pupils told not to talk to public • Pupils told not to stroke dogs, we stand still & wait for owner to put dog on lead • Pupils warned of hazards such as roots, brambles, overhanging branches, uneven or slippery ground, steep hills 	low
Allergic Reactions	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructor to check booking form for allergies to pollen, seeds or nuts • Any medication should be carried with group 	low
Poisoning Poisonous Plants and fungi	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These will be pointed out – admire but don't touch • Pupils advised not to put hands to mouth when handling plants 	medium
Scratches and stings	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nettles, gorse, brambles will a be pointed out and discussed 	low



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Bumps and bruises Fun interactive games & activities played inside or out	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils will be instructed to be mindful of peers when playing games and carrying out activities 	low
Getting Lost Activities on the reserve	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups of pupils assigned an adult to stay in sight of at all times Boundaries will be made clear 	low
First Aid emergencies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take first aid kit Take radio Take whistle and tell pupils what it is for 	
Weather Conditions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The lead instructor will review the risk assessment in view of the weather on the day. The instructor will amend activity if ongoing changing weather conditions effect risks 	