



## 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 <b>Walking on the reserve</b>	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>• Pupils warned of hazards such as roots, brambles, overhanging branches, uneven or slippery ground, steep hills</li> </ul>	low
Allergic Reactions	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructor to check booking form for allergies to pollen, seeds or nuts</li> <li>• Any medication should be carried with group</li> </ul>	low
Poisoning <b>Poisonous Plants and fungi</b>	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These will be pointed out – admire but don't touch</li> <li>• Pupils advised not to put hands to mouth when handling plants</li> </ul>	medium
Scratches and stings <b>Prickly Plants</b>	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nettles, gorse, brambles will a be pointed out and discussed</li> </ul>	low

Risk Matrix	Slightly Harmful	Harmful	Extremely Harmful
Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium
Likely	Low	Medium	High
Highly likely	Medium	High	High



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

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