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Risk Assessment – Woodland Explorer

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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: We may explore the wider reserve, crossing the haul road to get to the 100-year wood that has old oak trees and woodpecker holes in dead and rotten silver birch.

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 Groups of pupils assigned an adult to stay in sight of at all times Pupils warned of hazards: rabbit holes, open water, nettles, gorse, brambles or slippery roots, overhanging branches 	low
Death by poisoning Allergic reactions Poisonous plants and fungi	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any poisonous plants and fungi are pointed out and children told to admire but not touch Pupils should wash hands in soapy water after this activity Please write on the booking form any pupils know to be allergic to pollen or plants. 	medium

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Getting Lost Stopping to explore the woodland in groups	participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boundaries will be made clear to the class Pupils should be allocated an adult who will keep sight of a group pupils and the pupils in turn will stay in sight of their adult A signal or whistle can be used to call the pupils together 	low
Road Accident Crossing the haul road	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Instructors will use the safe crossing places 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 	medium
Drowning Passing bodies of water	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We may go to 100-year wood and walk close past a pond; the instructor will go first and make sure the route is still safe/not flooded 	low
First Aid emergencies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take first aid kit Take radio 	
Weather Conditions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The lead instructor will review the risk assessment in view of the season & weather on the day. The instructor will amend activity if ongoing changing weather conditions effect risks 	low