

Play Risk Assessment

Not every element of play can be covered by a risk assessment so we have dynamic risk assessment procedures in place and have only covered those elements which we think may happen.

Rope and String

| Hazard         | Harm  | at risk  | existing measures / new measures  | who will do it?<br>When?  |
|----------------|---|----------|---|---------------------------|
| string<br>rope | rope burns to hands<br><br>wrapped round neck | children | Use climbing rope for swings and den building as it is less likely to cause harm.<br><br>Adult supervision for children using string for tying knots. | all staff -<br>continuous |

Collecting natural materials

| Hazard                      | Harm                           | at risk  | existing measures / new measures   | who will do it?<br>When?  |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|--|---------------------------|
| berries<br>plants<br>stones | poisoning<br>choking<br>stings | children | Supervision of children's play.<br>Advise children of plants that sting.<br>Ask children not to pick berries or eat anything.<br>Encourage all children not to put things into mouth and supervise those who may be prone to it. | all staff -<br>continuous |

Sticks

| Hazard      | Harm                         | at risk | existing measures / new measures  | who will do it?<br>When?  |
|-------------|------------------------------|---------|---|---------------------------|
| long sticks | harm from others with sticks | all     | children are asked to measure the stick by putting it under their arm pit, if its longer than their arm they can't play with it. It can be snapped to make it the right length. Sticks must be the same length or shorter than their arm.<br><br>When moving larger branches they must be dragged along the ground behind them. | all staff -<br>continuous |

Den Building

| Hazard                                | Harm                                    | at risk | existing measures / new measures  | who will do it?<br>When?  |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------|---|---------------------------|
| long branches<br><br>falling branches | hit by branches<br><br>falling branches | all     | Den building is supervised by adults to ensure it is a reasonably safe den that is being constructed. Larger branches that may fall dangerously must be removed. Larger branches must be dragged along the floor behind children till they reach the den. | all staff -<br>continuous |

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Water

| Hazard | Harm  | at risk | existing measures / new measures   | who will do it?<br>When? |
|--------|---|---------|--|--------------------------|
| Water  | Drowning<br>Drinking stagnant water<br>Legionella | all     | Site check for stagnant water<br>No water left unattended and children and area supervised by staff at all times<br><br>Water depth checked to ensure under 2 inches<br>All external water supplies checked by Site Supervisor on legionella check schedule. | all staff - continuous   |

Transport

| Hazard     | Harm  | at risk | existing measures / new measures   | who will do it?<br>When? |
|------------|---|---------|--|--------------------------|
| Cars/Buses | Child in danger<br>Kidnapping/ Assault<br>Accident/Incident | all     | Unsuitable adult – DBS in place for all adults, school policies followed<br><br>Use of approved and licensed vehicles only, no staff cars<br><br>Seatbelts in place in public/hire vehicles<br>Suitable insurance in place for above.<br><br>Contact details and information on approved suppliers in place – LCC EV system used to check approved suppliers, Risk Assessments and insurance arrangements. | all staff - continuous   |

Blindfolds

| Hazard                             | Harm                  | at risk | existing measures / new measures  | who will do it?<br>When? |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|---|--------------------------|
| Inability to see risks and dangers | Slip, trips and falls | all     | Used only with high ratio. Staff to supervise at all times. Used in safe area that has been checked for hazards in advance. Safe systems used and reminded to children prior to activity. | all staff - continuous   |
| Tying blindfold too tight          | Suffocation           |         | Use of flexible and soft material. Ensure not tied too tight. Applied by adult for activity.  |                          |

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Being Off the Ground

| Hazard           | Harm   | at risk | existing measures / new measures  | who will do it?<br>When? |
|------------------|--|---------|---|--------------------------|
| Fall from height | Slip and fall from height<br><br>Fall on uneven ground<br><br>Fall onto uncleared area or debris | all     | Supervised by staff at all times. Children reminded of activity rules and safety each time. Area checked prior to use. Children taught to check area underneath as part of learning. Children taught and reminded of rules of climbing and making risk assessments. | all staff - continuous   |