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| **To be read in conjunction with other risk generic assessments ie sun cream, medical, daily sweep****NB: It is accepted that this risk benefit assessment is applicable to everyone attending the programme** |
| **Name of person compiling this risk benefit assessment: Nichola Costello** |
| **Experience offered : Forest School**  |
| **Risk Benefit: Please state the benefits to the children of offering this experience?****Freedom, play, natural setting, self-awareness, safety – taking risks, teamwork, respect, warmth, attentiveness, using and identifying material, tool use, self-esteem, emotional development, problem solving, collaboration, development of language skills.** |
| **Probability Score:**1. <5% chance that it will occur – very unlikely
2. 25% chance that it will occur
3. 50% chance that it will occur
4. 75% chance that it will occur
5. >95% chance that it will occur – very likely
 | **Severity Score**1. Not serious – no first aid required
2. Minor Injury – requiring basic first aid
3. Injury – requiring non immediate professional medical attention
4. Serious injury/multiple injuries – requiring immediate medical attention
5. Major accident – multiple injuries or fatality
 | **Calculate the risk levels:**The rating is calculated from the probability multiplied by the severity which will give a rating between **1 & 25.**Our company will not be carrying out any activities deemed to have **a revised rating of over 12** as they are deemed too dangerous even with control measures in place. |
| **Hazard** | **Harm** | **Risk Rating**  | **Control measures to reduce the risk and actioned by whom?** | **Revised Risk Rating**  |
| Weather  | Lightning strike / branches fall | 1 x 44 | Leader to check the weather forecast prior to Forest School delivery. If weather is too bad and there is a risk to the children’s safety the session will be curtailed. Children will not enter the woods in very high winds. | 1x 1 1 |
| Inappropriate footwear and clothing  | Slips, too cold / too hot  | 3 x 412 | Leader to issue parents with a list of appropriate clothing in advance of delivery. Leader to arrange a loan of clothing if viable or child remains in school if high risk to welfare | 1 x 44 |
| Lifting logs | Back injuryMuscles strain | 4 x 3 12 | * Show the children how to love larger boughs of dead wood
* Show children how to use lashings to move boughs
* Remind children to look around them for safe / easy routes to drag deadwood
 | 1 x 33 |
| Lifting / swinging sticks  | Bangs to head / bodyEye injuries  | 4 x 4 16 | * Remind children not to swing behind
* Remind children to be aware of each other
 | 1 x 4 4 |
| Inappropriate lashings | Rope burnEntanglementCatching neck | 4 x 2 8 | * Gloves for heavy/ thick rope pulling
* Ropes – bright coloured/ marked for easy identification
* All ropes will be checked regularly
* Children will be tightly supervised
* Children will begin to learn how to tie effective/ safe knots
 | 1 x 2 2 |
| Shelter collapsing  | Head injuries, scratches and bruises | 3 x 3 9 | * Advise children to build on relatively flat ground
* Discuss construction – do not over load supporting branches, is size appropriate to group size etc
* Ensure children are moving sensibly around the construction
 | 1 x 3 3 |
| Banging head inside shelter | Head bumps | 3 x 2 6 | * Ensure children move in and out sensibly and that they make room for each other
 | 1 x 2 2 |
| Trip hazards | Broken bones from uneven landingScratches / minor cuts  | 3 x 4 12 | * Children to watch where they are walking and be careful
* Ensure that wood is of an appropriate size for the task, i.e not a great bough that is over 6ft in length
 | 1 x 4 4 |
| Soil borne diseases, dog or fox waste | Illness  | 3 x 3 9 | * Pre-visit (daily sweep) completed – identify and cover / remove / establish a boundary
* Remind children to leave well alone if they come across it
 | 1 x 3 3 |
| Any further information which needs to be noted:This policy should be read in conjunction with: Daily Sweep, Collecting Natural Materials and General Welfare and Weather |

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| Signed: | Position: | Date: |

This assessment is reviewed annually unless accident/incident occurs requiring immediate review.