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Benefits to attendees of attending groups / Forest School at Led by the Wild

Being outdoors in nature reduces stress, keeps immunity strong and builds resilience while also feeling part of a community.

Severity Score:

1. No risk of infection
2. Low risk of infection
3. Medium risk of infection
4. High risk of infection

Definite risk of infection

Hazard	Harm	Risk Rating prior to control measures	Control measures to reduce the risk and actioned by whom?	Revised Risk Rating
Group size	Potential risk of infection from other adults / children	3	<p>Forest School Group size limited to 10 unaccompanied children and three adult staff members Children not expected to attend other groups during the time period of coming to our forest school. Children not to swap in and out of groups.</p> <p>Parent and Toddler Group Group size limited to ten family bubbles who will need to remain 2m distance from other attendees. Separate resources for each bubble. Request that families do not attend other groups during</p>	2

			the timeframe that they are attending Tree Tots	
Staff	Potential risk of being infected / carrying COVID-19 due to exposure to multiple children / adults	3	<p>There will be a designated member of staff (nominated Health and Safety person) who will check that all control measures are implemented and maintained.</p> <p>All staff will be fully briefed on control measures. They will be given a copy of the risk assessment and access to our COVID-19 policy.</p> <p>Activities that would normally require close supervision (knife work, tool use, shelter building) Will require a new risk assessment in the light of COVID-19 and may not be possible.</p> <p>Adults will remain 2 metres apart from all attendees unless there is an emergency first aid incident. Staff will be extra vigilant about hand washing. Staff will ensure all clothing is washed after taking a session and clean clothing worn for new session.</p>	2
Attendee who is COVID-19 positive	Potential risk of infection to other adults and children.	4	We will carry out a precheck on all attendees asking if they have any symptoms of COVID-19 taken from the list of symptoms stated by the WHO. Anyone experiencing any symptoms will not be able to attend.	2

			Any attendee or member of staff who wishes to wear a mask / shield will be supported.	
Car Park	Potential lack of 2m social distancing space from others while leaving / entering vehicles	3	Forest School Staggered arrival/ pickup times depending on group size. Parent and Toddler group Advance request to park to allow for social distancing. Reduced numbers makes this possible.	2
Gates, fences and other touch points	Potential bottle neck and lack of social distancing, risk of picking up the virus from surfaces	3	Hand Sanitiser available for use at gates. Notices to request you leave a distance of 2 metres when waiting to go through gates. Additional hand washing stations on site.	2
Paths	Potential lack of social distancing resulting in virus transmission	3	Notices to remind to allow for a 2 metre distance when passing on paths. Make sure all path edges are free of nettles, brambles and undergrowth so that it is possible to move off the path to achieve a 2 metre passing distance.	2
Sanitation facilities	Potential risk of picking up the virus from surfaces, potential lack of social distancing when queuing to use facilities	3	Log slices to mark where people need to wait when queuing. Toilet to be cleaned after each use by staff. Paper towels to be used and disposed of in a pedal bin with a black sack. Hand washing before and after toilet visits. All waste from a session to be double bagged	2

			in black sacks, securely tied, labelled and left outside for 72 hours prior to putting into domestic waste collection bin.	
Shared resources	Children gathering around resources such as mud kitchen / slackline / guttering potential risk of transmission of virus from individuals and surfaces.	3	Shared resources limited to allow for each to be cleaned effectively throughout session. Children to sanitise hands before and after playing with shared resources (each family bubble/ child will be supplied with hand sanitiser in addition to the ones on site) Each family bubble / child to be given their own personal resources in a bucket. These will be cleaned after use and before the next session. Only two family bubbles to use each big resource at a time (mud kitchen, slackline, gutters) children are encouraged to remain at least 1.5m distance in their play. During Forest School, children will be encouraged to maintain a 2 metre distance where possible from their peers when using big resources.	2
Seating arrangements	Potential risk of infection by not maintaining a social distance of 2 metres	3	All seating on site is spaced out. Smaller group sizes mean that there is room round the fire circle to socially distance. Each family bubble / child will have their own tarp to sit on. These will be laid out before the start of the session so	2

			that they can be 2 metres from each other and with space for people to walk between.	
Communal snack time	Potential transmission of COVID-19 on food, plates, cups. Potential transmission between individuals not keeping a 2 metre distance from each other.	3	See 'Seating arrangement' above We will be supplying no snack or drink and all attendees need to bring their own and their own cups / bowls etc.	2
Communal story time / singing / discussion time	Potential transmission between individuals not keeping a 2 metre distance from each other. Children clustering around to see pictures in book.	3	See 'Seating arrangements' Storytelling will, as much as possible, not use books. Singing will take place with each family remaining on their tarp and those that do not want to partake, will need to move away from the central area for the duration of the singing.	2
Wet weather	Lack of space in shelter to allow for 2 metres social distance potential transmission of virus from other adults and children	3	Forest School There is space in the shelter to allow a 1.5m distance between children and staff. Parent and Toddler group We do not have space to socially distance in our shelter so we will not run in heavy rain until we can add more sheltered spaces to our site.	2
Emergency first aid	Potential risk of transmission of the virus from close contact with adults / children.	4	We have updated our first aid kit to include protective PPE for staff (3 sets) of a face shield, apron, gloves and additional facemask for any other adult supporting their child while they receive first aid treatment.	2

