

Natural Play Area Site Risk Assessment

Hazard	How To Manage It - what procedures will be in place (controlled measures)
Windy weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The natural play area must not be used on very windy days as it is situated under trees. If the wind is moving the tops of the trees more than 20 degrees this is considered very windy
Ticks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children should have their legs and arms covered • If a tick is found it must not be removed. Instead the child should be taken to the nearest doctors to have it removed (see list of surgeries in visiting staff room for details)
Injury caused by plants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bramble • Nettle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children should be shown these plants and told not to handle them as they can scratch and sting • Children must wear wellies or stout footwear to reduce likelihood of foot and ankle injury • Children should wear trousers to reduce likelihood of ankle and leg injury
Slips, trips and falls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree stumps • Sticks • Flints • Litter / Glass • Fungi • Boundary markings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children should be told that the woodland floor can be difficult to walk on, due to obstacles such as tree stumps and sticks • There is a bank of soil next to the minibeast woodpile: this has many large flints in it which must be left in place • Children must not go into the area of green bushes (rhododendron) behind the minibeast woodpile as there are many of spiky sticks and rubble in the centre of it • There are large flints in the art area for children to create art with: these need to be used for creating art on the woodland floor only, and are not to be taken into the physical play area • If any glass is found, children must not pick it up, but take an adult to the glass for the adult to remove it (nearest bin is outside the big lab, which is the green building next to the natural play area) • Children must be told not to touch fungi • The nearest first aid kit is available in the big lab (green building next to the natural play area) • Boundary marking logs must not be moved
Hypothermia, heat stroke, heat exhaustion and sunburn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children to be in appropriate clothing; this should be checked before going into the natural play area by staff. Extra sun hats, wooly hats, gloves and coats are available to borrow from the boot room • If children become very cold, they will need to return to Holt Hall to warm up • If children become too hot, they should be offered water to drink (from the boot room) and

	<p>then be sat in the shade. If the child continues to feel uncomfortably hot, they will need to return to Holt Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children should wear sun protection cream when appropriate
Wandering off	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular head counts to be undertaken • Ensure children know the boundaries of the natural play area site • Use of whistle recall system as introduced by Holt Hall staff • Ensure appropriate ratios of staff: students (see Educational Visits and Journeys folder)
Medical conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure any medicine is easily accessible to adults who may need to administer it • Anyone with a nut allergy may not be able to handle seeds and nuts found on the woodland floor

Reference to other Risk Assessments:

General Risk Assessment of the Holt Hall site

Dynamic Risk Assessments (undertaken during activity):

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