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# LITTLE WRENS FOREST SCHOOL

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COVID-19 Risk Benefit Assessment

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## COVID-19 Risk Assessment Little Wrens Forest School

<b>Name of person completing Risk Assessment</b>	Jacque Gilchrist	<b>Date and time completed</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> August 2020
<b>Description of work area being assessed</b>	Little Wrens Forest School		
<b>Description of activity being assessed</b>	COVID19 protection measures open of site for children to attend Forest School sessions while following government guidelines and other (FSA, CCC) advice.		

Being outdoors in nature reduces stress, keeps immunity strong, builds resilience and a sense of community and keeps us physically healthy.

The FSA believes that due to the nature of Forest School sessions and facilitating the play needs of the children and young people, the most appropriate precaution which can be taken is to create and maintain learner 'bubbles'. This means that equipment, resources and the environment can be shared within each 'bubble' without significant risk.

Children can be infected with CoV-2, and become ill with COVID-19. However, they appear to be less susceptible to infection than adults and their symptoms are generally milder. Early indications (from the W.H.O) suggest that there is less transmission from children to adults

L: Likelihood C: consequence R:Risk:

Hazard	Current risk rating			Who might be harmed?	How might they be harmed?	Measures that will be in place, some will already be in place, some are new measures.	New risk rating			Action monitored by whom/when?
	L	C	R				L	C	R	
Spread of COVID-19 from attending sessions	2	4	8	Children Staff Volunteer s Visitors Family Members Friends	Infection of COVID-19, mild, serious or fatal symptom s can occur.	2 sets of full PPE for use either in a first aid emergency when we may no longer be able to follow the 2 meter social distancing guidelines or in the event a child may present COVID-19 symptoms during the session. visor, apron and gloves will be available for staff. This will also be used in the event of a first aid emergency.  Where appropriate staff will wear a visor to support children with tools.  All children and staff are welcome to use face masks if they wish but it will NOT be a requirement, except in the above situations (first aid or cooking)	1	4	4	All Staff

					<p>All staff will be aware that they must keep 2m from the children as much as possible. . Parents will be reminded of social distancing when they drop children off.</p> <p>All parents will be asked to read a list of agreements before booking their child into any sessions and to agree to guidance around this. All staff will also be expected to follow government guidance around self-isolating if they or their families are showing symptoms. All staff and parents will be reminded that if they have recently returned from abroad to check government guidance around how long they may need to quarantine for.</p> <p>The pre check will ask questions to ensure the child or family are not experiencing any Coronavirus symptoms, and if they are to not attend.</p> <p>(Forest School Association recognises that as in schools, social distancing is not practical during FS sessions, but that the overall risk of infection must be less due to the outdoor nature of FS and the smaller group sizes.)</p>				
Transmission of Covid-19 whilst cooking	1	2	4		Usual hand hygiene and food hygiene will be followed. The food will be poured/served and then the child will collect their bowl/plate. Utensils will be used rather than hands touching food when possible.	1	4	4	Staff
Catching COVID-19 due to being exposed to various groups of children	2	4	8		<p>We will be offering sessions whereby parents book a series of sessions; these children will then form a bubble that they will remain in for the for as long as their block booking lasts. Siblings will attend sessions together.</p> <p>Group sizes will not exceed the numbers stated in current Government guidance in any sessions.</p> <p>Parents will not be able to pay on the day or join a session on the day. All bookings must be made in advance.</p>	1	4	4	Children and their families, staff.

						<p><i>“Providers should ensure, <b>as far as possible</b>, that they are keeping children and young people in small consistent groups”</i></p> <p><i>“Early years children will not need to be kept in small consistent groups from 20<sup>th</sup> July”</i></p>				
Contracting the virus from touch points, resources or cross contamination	2	4	8			<p>We will endeavour to have at least 24 hours in-between sessions. Where this is not possible, We will ensure any resources used are cleaned down,</p> <p>Resources will be disinfected between sessions. Ropes will be sprayed with antibacterial spray.</p> <p>All areas of water dispenser that are touched, resources such as pots and pans, any tools, fire strikers, trolley, storage box lids Will be cleaned using detergent between uses.</p>	1	4	4	Staff
Transmission of COVID-19 from poor hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene or used tissues.	2	4	8			<p>Before all children enter the site, they will be asked to wash their hands or if their hands are clean, they will have the option to use hand sanitizer. If their hands are muddy they cannot apply hand sanitizer only.</p> <p>Cleaning hands more often than usual - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly. Children will be shown how to use the taps and reminded throughout the session.</p> <p>Water dispensers and hand sanitizer will be encouraged throughout the session, and on entry, exit and before food. Although if hands are muddy, they must be washed before hand sanitizer is applied.</p> <p>Paper Bins will be provided, used paper towel will be put into one bin which is disposed of in-between sessions. Paper towels will be available.</p>	1	4	4	Children and Staff. Staff will frequently remind children.
Not following guidance to remain 2m	2	4	8			<p>Log circle will be widened</p> <p>Parents reminded of distancing when walking to site</p> <p>Children will be spaced out in the log circle</p>	1	4	4	Staff

apart/Social distancing.					<p>Although social distancing will be encouraged by all the children there may be occasions they forget or do not stick to 2metres. It will not be compulsory for all children to remain 2m from each other, at all times, although it will be recommended.</p> <p><i>“Early years and primary children cannot be expected to remain 2m away from each other and staff.”</i></p> <p>“Where settings can keep children and young people in those small groups 2 metres away from each other, they should do so.” (1m+ from 4th July 2020, if 2m is not possible)”</p>				
Children who have been classed as clinically extremely vulnerable due to pre-existing medical conditions have been advised to shield.	2	5	10		We will remind all families to act in accordance with the government guidance around this and to consult their own Doctor or medical professionals. We will not give advice on whether it is safe for you to attend a session or not.	1	5	5	Staff and Parents
Parents forming a group or not socially distancing at drop off, increasing the chances of COVID-19.	2	4	8		<p>Parents advised to maintain 2m at drop off.</p> <p>When children or Parent stay and play sessions resume some parents will want/need to remain present at the session. Only 1 parent may attend per family as we need to keep the number of adults in a session to a minimum. Ideally, this should be the same parent each week when possible.</p>	1	4	4	

A child or staff member displaying COVID-19 symptoms during the session.	1	4	4		<p>When a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. Their household members should self-isolate for 14 days. All staff and students who are attending an education or childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario and then follow guidance from the test and trace service.</p> <p>As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise us on the most appropriate action to take.</p> <p>"Government guidance is that Parents, carers and settings do not need to take children's temperatures every morning. Routine testing of an individual's temperature is not a reliable method for identifying coronavirus"</p> <p>If anyone in the household develops a fever or a new continuous cough they are advised to follow the COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance (which states that the ill person should remain in isolation for 7 days and the rest of the household in isolation for 14 days).</p> <p>All parents will need to agree to their details being passed onto the track and trace service if they are requested.</p>	1	4	4	
Using public transport	2	4	8		We strongly advise not to lift share or take public transport. Where possible either cycle, walk, or travel in your car as a single family. If public transport is needed, please follow government guidance and wear a face covering.	1	4	4	
Crafts taken home spreading the virus.	1	4	4		<p>Bags and personal items will be kept away from others.</p> <p>No tools can be brought from home. Only tools owned by Little Wrens Forest School will be used, these will be washed and sanitized in-between uses, hands will also be washed before any tools are handled.</p>	1	4	4	
In the event of someone					Staff will have masks, aprons & gloves. If symptoms become present then the staff will put on PPE, child will be moved to an isolated area and their parents will be				

in our session beginning to display symptoms.					<p>asked to collect the child immediately. The adult remaining with the child will be first aid trained and will remain 2m away.</p> <p>If it is not possible to isolate the child, move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people. If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use a separate bathroom if possible. The bathroom should be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.</p> <p>PPE should be worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained (such as for a very young child or a child with complex needs).</p>				
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Likelihood that the hazardous incident will occur	
1	Very unlikely
2	Unlikely
3	Fairly likely
4	Likely
5	Very likely

Consequence of hazardous event, should it occur	
1	Insignificant: no injury
2	Minor: minor injuries requiring first aid
3	Moderate: up to 3 days absent
4	Major: up to 7 days absent
5	Catastrophic: death

Action level table	
22-25	STOP – Stop activity and take immediate action
15-16	URGENT ACTION – Take immediate action and stop activity if necessary, maintain existing controls rigorously
8-12	ACTION – Improve within specified timescales
3-6	MONITOR – Look to improve at the next review or if there is a significant change
1-2	NO ACTION – No further action but ensure controls are maintained and reviewed

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