



# SITE RISK ASSESSMENT

Location	Name	Original RA Date
Lostock Hall Primary School - Tri Woods	Matt Couper	14.05.21

## Description of site / activity / tools

The True Learning Partnership is the owner (in trust) from Cheshire East Council. Permission received from the school's head teacher.

No domestic animals are kept on site.

People who can access the site include students (children), teaching staff, FS staff, support staff, parents and careers and other visitors to the school. There may be instances with other members of the public might be on sight, but this would be rare.

No vehicles can access the wild area.

There is no standing or flowing water through the site.

The site has a gentle sloping aspect from the start of the woodland to the back of the property which is bounded by a high fence on two sides.

Fires are built periodically throughout the term at Forest Club sessions.

Tool work is carried out on an ad hoc basis by learners and regularly by FS Leader.

There is a wide variety of broadleaf woodland trees and shrubs, mostly native with a few non-native species.

Hazard	Harm	People At Risk	Existing Preventative Measures	Probability	Severity	Rating	New Preventative Measures	Who? When?	Benefits
Hanging deadwood [canopy]	Head injury Falling objects	Client group Leaders School staff	No FS on windy days {Use Beaufort Scale}	4	3	12	Remove main pieces of hanging deadwood.	MC - before sessions start [completed 09.06.21]	Removal of hazard.

Standing deadwood [canopy]	Head injury Falling objects Eye injury	Client group Leaders School staff	No FS on windy days {Use Beaufort Scale}	3	3	9			
Loose stacked logs [shrub]	Breaks Dislocation Toe injury Head injury	Client group Leaders School staff	Boundary with limited access Corden Verbal warning	2	4	8			
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Blackthorn and holly [shrub]	Scratches and cuts	Client group Leaders School staff	Wear long trousers Verbal warning Trim imposing sections	3	3	9	Trim further	Completed and ongoing.	Safer access
Brambles and holly [field]	Scratches Cuts	Client group Leaders School staff	Wear long trousers Verbal warning Trim imposing sections	3	3	9	Trim further	Completed and ongoing.	Safer access
Logs and stumps - trip hazards [field]	Sprains Strains Breaks	Client group Leaders School staff	Clear accessible paths and areas Verbal warning	3	4	12	Clear further	Completed and ongoing.	Removal of hazard
Logs and branches on ground [ground]	Slips, trips and falls Sprains, strains and breaks	Client group Leaders School staff	Remove major hazards Verbal Warning Secure any remaining hazards	3	4	12		Completed and ongoing.	Minimising trip hazards on site.
Brambles and nettles [ground]	Scratches Stings	Client group Leaders School staff	Remove and contain Verbal warning Wear long trousers Isolate	3	3	9		Completed and ongoing.	Minimising hazard.

<b>Your comments</b>
Wear appropriate clothing that covers legs and arms where possible. Pre-session work can be done to ensure the site is safe and useable.
<b>Your main concerns</b>
Hanging deadwood in the canopy. Brambles and nettles on the ground.
<b>Your main positive features</b>
Small contained site. Wide variety of woodland species on site. Easy access to school and support if required.
<b>Your recommendations</b>
Clear hanging deadwood from trees. [completed]; monitored weekly before each session. Clear all pathways for unobstructed access. [completed]; monitored weekly before each session. Trim pathways up to head height. [completed]; reviewed seasonally. Possibly look at having a tree surgeon tackle one of the trees on site as it appears dead. Review October / November 2021. [completed]; ongoing monitoring of tree health. Update: ongoing active risk assessment conducted before each session to ensure site safety.
<b>Additional notes</b>
Additional risk assessments have been completed for a wide variety of tasks, tools and activities that may be delivered during a Forest School session. These are available on request.

<b>Assessed by</b>	MC	<b>Signature</b> 
<b>Position</b>	FS Leader	
<b>Date</b>	14.05.21	
<b>Updated</b>	20.10.21; 28.04.23	
<b>Reviewed</b>	28.04.23;	