



Covid -19 Risk Benefit Assessment

Dynamic Risk Benefit Assessment: Covid -19

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Benefits of being engaged in an outdoor activity in natural environment:

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

Forest school builds confidence, social skills, motivation and concentration, physical skills, knowledge and understanding, stress relief, connection to nature and independence.

Value Added Benefits:

Staff-student relationships, staff skills development, alternative source of recreation to digital media, fitness and health

UK Gov Guidelines:

The government has announced a 4-week pause at Step 3. Step 3 restrictions remain in place, and you should follow the guidance on this page, which explains what you can and cannot do.

It is expected that England will move to Step 4 on 19 July, though the data will be reviewed after 2 weeks in case the risks have reduced. The government will continue to monitor the data and the move to Step 4 will be confirmed one week in advance.

Government Guidance (updated 1/07/2021)

Businesses and venues which can reopen

Businesses eligible to host childcare and supervised activities for children are able to host these activities (including sport) for all children, regardless of circumstances. Indoor play centres and areas may also reopen.

Exercise outside as often as you wish – following social distancing guidelines

Use outdoor sports facilities (tennis court, golf clubs etc)

Spend time outdoors

Day trips to outdoor open space are permitted with members of your household

People who cannot work from home encouraged to return to work from 13th May 2020.

NHS recommendations:

- Wash hands regularly with soap and water (hand sanitizer if not possible to wash effectively)
- Catch coughs and sneezes in a tissue or use your sleeve. Bin tissues immediately. Wash hands
- Self-isolate if showing any symptoms of Covid 19 (high temperature, cough, anosmia) for 14 days

FSA guidance:

Government has acknowledged that “the risk of transmission outdoors is significantly lower”.

Forest School session should not proceed without suitable hand washing facilities. Tippy tap of similar and soap.

Hazard and to whom	Likelihood (1-5)	Hazard severity (1-5)	Risk factor (1-5)	Control measures to reduce the risk	Residual risk factor
<p>Spread of Covid -19 during forest school</p> <p>Contraction of the virus within a group setting</p> <p>Further cross contamination within the community</p>	3	3	9	<p>We are informing people to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Follow the NHS recommended listed above *Not attend the sessions if they fall into one or more of the vulnerable groups listed by the NHS (including drop off and pick ups) *stay away for at least 10 days if they or any member of their household has a high temperature or even a mild cough *Not share food and drink and to bring their own. <p>We are actively and regularly:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hand washing at the start of the session, before snacks, after snacks, before an activity IF using tools 2 x handwashing systems on site- soap dispenser pump action as well as soap on a rope. 2. Do not come to FS if feeling unwell -add to form for parents to sign 3. Cleaning and disinfecting objects and surfaces (tools, toilets, mats) at regular intervals.... in i.e. tools for a second group to use, mud kitchen equipment. 4. Widen the log circle 5. Siblings/families to sit together and spaced apart. 6. Informing ourselves of updated HSE and govt advice and to follow accordingly 8. Children to bring own drink /lunch at holiday camps. 9. Follow NHS recommendations listed above 	7

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