



<b>Date of Assessment:</b> Jan 2020	<b>The Ace Centre Forest Friday Risk Benefits The Ace Centre (Wild Area)</b>		
<b>Review Date:</b> Jan 2021	<b>Group Details</b> (Number / Age / Specifics / Learning Needs) <b>Number:</b> Dependent how many are in for am / pm session (check register number) <b>Age:</b> 3-5-year olds <b>Specifics / Learning needs:</b> Individual specifics / Learning needs to be identified and discussed with staff and volunteers before session.		
<b>Level of Risk</b> U - Unacceptable A - Acceptable	<b>Experience / Activity Description</b> Fires in the Nursery School Garden in the wild area		
<b>Benefit</b>	<b>Hazards</b>	<b>Control /Action</b>	<b>Level of Risk</b>
Forest School ensures that children taking part naturally learn to assess risk and are encouraged to make sensible and informed decisions about how to deal with unfamiliar and unpredictable situations	Leaving fire unattended - unsupervised children playing in the fire  Risk of burns - slipping / falling into the fire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competent adult to supervise fire / children at all times</li> <li>• Risks / best practice to be discussed</li> <li>• Burns kit, fire blanket and 10 litres of water available if needed</li> </ul>	A
Much of the learning for a child comes as a result of the opportunities they have for testing their own abilities in a real life context	Risk of forest fire - fire becoming out of control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire pit to be used in agreed area only</li> <li>• Fuel to only be added when needed to keep the fire burning - small fire only</li> </ul>	A
At Forest School children can develop their team working skills and also learn to become more independent.	Fire not being extinguished properly - forest fire or children playing in fire pit when fire is finished	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire pit to be checked to ensure it is completely extinguished</li> <li>• Explain safety actions /rules - such as walking around the fire circle not in the middle by the fire.</li> </ul>	A



<p>Forest School sets learning in a different context for children where they can undertake a range of practical activities and carry out small achievable tasks.</p>	<p>Site of fire - risk of people setting on fire and adding fuel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competent individual to light fire.</li> <li>• Children to be supervised if adding fuel to the fire - kneeling next to adult in charge of fire.</li> <li>• Children reminded of safety action / rules to keep themselves and others safe</li> <li>• Fire site to be checked before fire.</li> </ul>	<p>A</p>
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**What further action is needed to reduce the risk?**

1. Ensure burns kit and fire blanket are in good condition and stocked correctly before each session.

<p>Signature (Forest School leader)</p>          <p>Date:</p>	<p>Head of Establishment / Manager</p>          <p>Date:</p>
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**All adults accompanying Forest School in a supporting role must read and sign this risk benefit assessment.**

**I have read and agree to abide by this risk benefit assessment**

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