



**Assessment of Risk 2023-2024 at Kith Homestead. Woodland, Field and Yurt Structure.**

Activity/Venue	Identified Hazards	Risk Factor	Parties at Risk	Current Safety Precautions	Further Action
Outdoor/Indoor Sessions  Kith Homestead, Horn Bank Farm	Trips/Falls/Slips	Medium Risk	Participants & Staff	Pre session briefing. Careful maintenance of location to a level that the natural landscape permits, and within reasonable risk allowance for the participants to enjoy the flora/fauna and natural land. Appropriate Footwear to be worn by all participants.	Constant reminders during the sessions of vigilance and respect for the natural lay of the land and growth.
Woodland Meadow Yurt	Eating foraged items	Medium	Participants & Staff	Brief at first session on eating only what is given by Leaders and never eat anything foraged without instruction or permission	
	Lost participants	Low Risk	Participants	Adequate supervision at all times. Visitors notified beforehand whether the sessions are with/without parent involvement. Participants are provided with relevant area of play information beforehand. Boundaried areas explained and obvious. Natural hedge boundary around the entire meadow. Woodland has fenced boundaries. Glass area cordoned off. There will be a main area as 'Base Camp' for each session. This will be either of the 2 fire areas or inside the Yurt. This area will be central and customers are to be made aware that this is the place to return to each time.	Monitoring/recording numbers of participants on session, ensuring return of all participants. Mobile numbers of all participants taken at time of booking in case of emergency.

	Animal/insect bites	Medium Risk	Participants & Staff	Careful, seasonal research carried out in the area and constantly updated. Advice to families regarding risks involved.	Member of staff equipped with first aid kit.
	Illness due to weather conditions e.g. hypothermia / sunburn	Medium Risk	Participants & Staff	Clients briefed on seasonal risks and possible risks within the chosen environment. Consideration of weather forecast/conditions and advance mail warning to families should the weather be unsuitable for play. Requisite of appropriate clothing e.g. sun hats summer, warm clothing for winter. No sessions to run in sub 0oc, electrical storms or during wind speeds of 39mph or over.	Spot checks ongoing throughout and extra equipment available if required (sunscreen, extra waterproof, blankets, sun hats, water). Leader to dynamically assess the risk each day.
	Unsupervised Areas	Low Risk	Participants	Briefing given beforehand of areas of exploration and boundaries of play. When the children hear the triangle bell, they are to return to the main basecamp area.	Spot checks throughout the sessions as to the whereabouts of children.

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	Members of the Public	Low Risk	Participants, staff and public	Instructors are aware of the public bridleway to the north of the property, aware of any unknown person and should approach them if they enter the homestead areas. The Homestead and Farm is private property so risk is low for stray wanderers. Customers are made aware if members of the public are present.	None
	Vehicle access, parking and passing	Medium Risk	Participants & staff	One car park in the Homestead area at a distance from main session areas. Children and parents are to remain vigilant at all times. The farm is a working farm and participants will be briefed on this at each session, outside our boundary.	All participants will be notified beforehand

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	Dogs	Low Risk	Participants & staff	Parents and individuals remain vigilant when encountering dogs. Advise families to look and say hello rather than touch. Farm dogs are kept outside of the homestead boundary but occasionally wander into the homestead.	In the case of a unknown dog at the homestead, children are to return to their parents or go into the yurt area.  In the case of a dog bite, the

<p>Fire Lighting at appointed Fire Pit Zones</p>	<p>Dog/animal (i.e. fox) litter</p> <p>Burns</p>	<p>Medium Risk</p> <p>High Risk</p>	<p>Participants &amp; staff</p> <p>Participants &amp; staff</p>	<p>Advising parents and children to be aware in briefing. Water and wipes at base camp.</p> <p>Full instruction will be given to adults and children. Discussion of fire property and elements required. First fire shown by example and lit by a leader only. Use of flint, char cloth, straw, cotton wool and natural woodland fuel.</p> <p>Extra protection ring of stones around fire for safety zone.</p> <p>Wood added to fire during a session only to be added with the instructor present and next to the child. Child to stand outside of the stone ring to put fuel into the fire.</p> <p>Small practice fires to be extinguished by an adult/instructor only and covered with sand/soil/water.</p> <p>Main fire to be extinguished by supervised children and cups of water. Then final water/sand added by the instructor.</p> <p>Whilst fire lit one instructor constantly present, or a nominated 'adult in charge'. no fire to be left unattended.</p> <p>Risk assessment is managed daily with factors of weather conditions and tarp conditions taken into account.</p>	<p>individual would be taken to a&amp;e immediately.</p> <p>If specific equipment poses any further risks, the activity will proceed 1:1 with the instructor.</p> <p>Fire extinguisher to be checked every 3 months by site manager</p>
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Gardening	Tree Climbing and Free Play	Medium Risk	Participants	Participants advised of tree climbing risks. 3 limbs on the tree at all times, not to climb anything which is narrower than their own wrist, to climb close to the main trunk. If a child is new to climbing, they're to climb horizontally first.	Prior to tree climbing, a child can test their grip strength by hanging for 10 seconds on a low branch. An adult to be present for first time climbers.
	Cuts, trips, weather exposure, tool use	Low Risk	Participants & Staff	Brief before garden session on respect and safety whilst in the allotment garden. Participants to stay on borders and grassed areas while working Tools inspected pre session Risks outlined of cuts from plants and equipment Accident forms to record injury First aid kit present Gloves provided if needed. All produce for planting is purchased and provided by the instructor only. Sun exposure and exhaustion brief on protection. Skin complaints to be monitored and covered up	Constant review of area pre and post sessions by instructor. Assessment of suitability of activity ongoing.  Tools checked pre and post session for any damage Area checked pre and post session for any risk

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Swamp area play zone	Exposure, trips and falls	Medium/High	Participants	Brief pre session regarding risky play. Correct weather clothing advised.	Maintenance and morning checks of all Swamp area equipment and structures. All equipment has been deemed to be safe for "risky" type play.

Yurt access	Trips on access	Low	Participants & Staff	Brief pre session. Chicken wire on any exposed wooden steps during poor weather for slip resistance.	Constant vigilance of weather and wood conditions.
	Wood Burning Fire	Medium	Participant and Staff	No fire guard,an adult will be present at all times, positioned next to the wood burner when it is on. Children made aware the whole wood burner is hot and to stay away.	No child is to put wood into the wood burner.
Hand crafts, painting, creating	Reaction to materials, cuts, slips	Low	Participants & Staff	Full brief pre session on any materials being used, supervision of scissor use/glassware/paint at all times by instructor and parent.	
Swing	Falls/bumps/knocks	Medium	Participants & Staff	Educate children/adults on swing etiquette	
Access to woodland	Trips and slips	Low	Participants & Staff	Raised ramp with soft borders, chicken wire for shoe purchase.	Maintenance on a regular basis.
Stream/natural spring run off	Slips, drowning	Low	Participants & Staff	Rarely used	
Large soil mound/Wood chip mountain.	Trips and falls	Low/Medium	Participants & Staff	All risk is based on individuals/play and the specific circumstances. Participants are stopped if play becomes too rambunctious.	
Barbed wire on some fence areas	Caught clothing and skin tears	Low	Participants & Staff	Areas are out of the way of children/adults play.	

***Risks for Kith Homestead activities and adventures are based on the participants, the weather conditions and the site we're working in specifically.***