

Risk assessment for school visit activities at Five A Day Market Garden

SITE NAME: Five A Day Market Garden, The Street, Englefield. RG7 5EL	NEAREST HOSPITAL: Accident & Emergency: Royal Berkshire, Craven Road, Reading (0118 987 5111), Minor Injuries (Work Hours) West Berkshire Community Hospital, Thatcham (01635 273300)
ASSESSOR: Pam Goddard, Project Co-ordinator at Five a day.	
SITE ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES: from The Street	

HAZARD	RISK LEVEL (HIGH, MEDIUM, LOW)	ACTION
Biological agents -ingestion of poisonous plants -ingestion of pathogens during eating / drinking -injury from prickly / stinging plants injury from wildlife ie bees and wasps	medium	Children and adults to be advised to keep hands away from face during health and safety talk at start of visit. Children advised to not touch any prickly / stinging plants and be aware of potential stinging from wildlife. Children to be made aware of any poisonous plants on site i.e. hedgerow plants, rhubarb leaves. Children to wash hands thoroughly before eating / drinking and before leaving. Children to be supervised at all times.
Temperature – dehydration, chilling, hypothermia, sunburn, heat stroke, loss of concentration.	low	Teachers to be informed of the need for waterproofs / sun cream etc. prior to visit. Children to wear appropriate clothing and wear sun hats and sun blocker as appropriate. Ensure plenty of drinking water is available during activities. Take breaks out of the weather when necessary.
Use of hand tools i.e. forks, spades, rakes – could cause injury to self or others	low	First Aid kit and qualified First Aider on site during activities. Ensure tools are kept in good condition. Children should be aware of the correct way to carry, use and store tools. Children should wear appropriate protective foot wear. Children should be supervised at all times.

Manual handling. Lifting / carrying equipment, removing turf, digging, wheel barrowing, bending.	medium	Children should not perform any of these tasks for continuous and extended periods – alternate these tasks with other activities. Children should be taught the correct methods of manual handling before commencing activities. Children should be supervised at all times.
Railings around garden – risk of injury to self	low	Children to be made aware of hazard. Children should be supervised at all times.
Uneven ground – trip hazard	medium	Ensure children are aware of hazards and care is taken Children should wear appropriate foot wear. Children should be supervised at all times.
Pond – risk of injury from sharp end of nets and / or falling in and subsequent injury	medium	Ensure children are aware of hazards and care is taken. Children should be supervised at all times.
Feely box activity - allergies to contents	low	Teachers asked about potential allergies beforehand. Children should be supervised at all times.
Colour palettes activity - trip hazard – tree roots, slippery leaves	low	Children instructed not to run in the garden and watch where they are walking at all times. Children should be supervised at all times.
Vegetable Olympics activity – trip hazards / allergies to food tasting	medium	Ensure children are aware of hazards and care is taken Children should wear appropriate foot wear. Teachers advised to inform staff prior to visit re: children with allergies. Children to wash hands thoroughly before food tasting. Children should be supervised at all times.
Eco Art activities – sharp implements hazard i.e. scissors / secateurs	medium	Children to be made aware of hazard. Round ended scissors will be used during activity. Children should be supervised at all times.
Playing the bee game – trip hazards		Ensure children are aware of hazards and care is taken Children should wear appropriate foot wear. Always played away from obstacles
Toilet location – risk of injury from road crossing	low	Children to be made aware of hazard. Children will be accompanied to the toilets by a school staff member.

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