



Likelihood		Severity	
Extremely Unlikely	1	Minor injury(1 st time visit)	1
Unlikely	2	Moderate injury(lost time accident)	2
Likely	3	Serious injury(RIDDOR reportable)	2
Extremely Likely	4	Major injury(RIDDOR reportable)	4
Almost certain	5	Catastrophic injury(fatality)	5

RISK ASSESSMENT

Location: Merton Court School	Area: Sector 2	Activity/Process being Assessed: Forest School session	Assessors: Jane Amphlett Hayley Hall	Date: September 2025
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Activity	Persons affected	Hazard	Current control measures	Current Risk Rating LXS = total			Revised control measures	Revised Risk Rating LXS = total			Resp.	Date Completed and initials.
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Walking to Forest School	Staff and children	EYFS Decking	None	3	1	4	Make everyone aware of possible slipping (especially if wet).	2	1	3	EYFS staff	05/9/25 JA/HH
Walking to Forest School	Staff and children	Various trip hazards in Jubilee Garden play area	None	2	1	3	Talk about walking round obstacles be aware of uneven ground.	1	1	2	FSL & staff	05/9/25 JA/HH
Stream immediately inside gate	Children	Water hazard (may still be dry due to lack of rain).	None	2	4	6	To be supervised by an adult on entry and exit and throughout Forest School – to be a clear boundary for children.	1	1	2	FSL & staff	05/9/25 JA/HH
Uneven paths	Staff and Children	Tripping	None	3	1	4	Everyone to be made aware of uneven ground	1	1	2	FSL & staff	05/9/25 JA/HH
Brambles/nettles	Staff and Children	Scratches/stings	Cut back regularly	4	1	5	Make everyone aware of what they look like	1	1	2	FSL & staff	05/9/25 JA/HH
Animal faeces	Staff and Children	Stepping in	None	4	1	5	Remove on sweep/make aware	1	1	2	FSL	05/9/25 JA/HH
Insects/ Bees	Staff and Children	Stings/bites	None	4	1	5	Know allergies/first aid/aware of location of nests	3	1	4	FSL & staff	05/9/25 JA/HH
Gate to Sector 3	Staff and Children	Sector 3 has a pond	Gated	2	5	7	Keep gate locked	1	5	6	FSL	05/9/25 JA/HH
Fallen branches/deadwood	Staff and Children	Wood/branches in trees	To be checked regularly	4	4	8	Remove deadwood and make everyone aware	2	1	3	FSL	05/9/25 JA/HH