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| **To be read in conjunction with other related risk assessments & policies/procedures.**  **NB: It is accepted that this risk benefit assessment is applicable to everyone attending the programme** | | | | | | |
| **Name of person compiling this risk benefit assessment: xx** | | | | | | |
| **Please state the benefits to the children of offering this experience?**  Outdoor Learning enables children to engage with all elements of the natural world as a multi-sensory experience, which includes the weather! Being outdoors in all weathers and all seasons helps to equip our children with a deep understanding and knowledge of the world around them. They will also learn important elements of self-care and how to keep themselves comfortable and safe in a range of different elements. There is no such thing as inappropriate weather, just inappropriate clothing. | | | | | | |
| **Probability Score:**   1. <5% chance that it will occur – very unlikely 2. 25% chance that it will occur 3. 50% chance that it will occur 4. 75% chance that it will occur 5. >95% chance that it will occur – very likely | | **Severity Score**   1. Not serious – no first aid required 2. Minor Injury – requiring basic first aid 3. Injury – requiring non immediate professional medical attention 4. Serious injury/multiple injuries – requiring immediate medical attention 5. Major accident – multiple injuries or fatality | | | **Calculate the risk levels:**  The rating is calculated from the probability multiplied by the severity which will give a rating between **1 & 25.**  Our company will not be carrying out any activities deemed to have **a revised rating of over 12** as they are deemed too dangerous even with control measures in place. | |
| **Hazard** | **Harm** | | **Risk Rating prior to control measures**  **(Probability x Severity = )** | **Control measures to reduce the risk and actioned by whom?** | | **Revised Risk Rating (Probability x Severity = )** |
| Inappropriate clothing/footwear for the weather or season. | Serious injury – Dehydration, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, hyperthermia, frost bite. | | 2x4=8 | All participants to receive a list of suitable clothing/footwear appropriate to the time of year that is required to enable participation in OL sessions.  Anyone wearing clothing/footwear not suitable will be required to change, or if no change of clothes/footwear are available to return to school. | | 1x4=4 |
| Extreme weather – cold, snow, ice | Serious injury – Hyperthermia, frost bite, ice burn, eye injury, fall on ice | | 5x4=20 | CT to be aware of local weather conditions and forecasts.  CT to monitor temperature during OL session.  Taking into account low temperatures and the wind chill factor the CT will assess and monitor participant’s wellbeing and will cancel or call off the OL session if appropriate.  Safety talk regarding behaviour with ice and snow. | | 1x4=4 |
| Extreme weather - heat | Serious injury –  Dehydration, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, sunburn | | 5x4=20 | CT to be aware of local weather conditions and forecasts.  CT to monitor temperature during OL session.  Taking into account high temperatures, time of day and exposure to direct sunlight the CT will assess and monitor participant’s wellbeing and will cancel or call off the OL session if appropriate.  All participants will be required to bring a water bottle to OL sessions and refills will be available. In hot weather all staff will remind children to drink, taking water breaks regularly.  All participants will be advised to apply sun cream before the start of the OL session and to reapply as appropriate. | | 1x4=4 |
| Extreme weather – high winds, flying debris, falling branches and trees | Major accident –  Cuts, grazes, bruises, broken bones, head injury, spinal injury, crush injury, major bleed, death | | 5x5=25 | CT to be aware of local weather conditions and forecasts.  CT to carry out a site check prior to any OL session and be aware of broken branches, changes to trees, paying particular attention to structures and canopies being securely fastened.  CT to monitor conditions throughout the OL session.  Fires will not be lit in high winds and will be extinguished if wind speed increases after lighting.  OL sessions will not take place in the community centre or under trees, or will be called off, if the wind speed exceeds 50mph. If the wind strength increases during an OL session and the CT deems it unsafe to continue the session will be called off. | |  |
| **Hazard** | **Harm** | | **Risk Rating prior to control measures**  **(Probability x Severity = )** | **Control measures to reduce the risk and actioned by whom?** | | **Revised**  **Risk Rating (Probability x Severity = )** |
| Extreme weather – Thunder storms | Major accident –  Lightning strike, burns, electrocution, death | | 1x5=5 | CT to be aware of local weather conditions and forecasts.  In the event of a thunder storm safe shelter will be sought indoors. If this is not possible participants will be moved to an open space away from trees. | | 1x5=5 |
| Extreme weather – Rainfall, flooding, fast moving floodwater, mudslides | Major accident –  Cuts, grazes, bruises, sprains, strains, broken bones, drowning, death | | 3x5=15 | CT to be aware of local weather conditions and forecasts.  CT to be aware of potential flood areas and of potential land or mud slide areas within the OL site and to monitor during wet weather.  If conditions are unsafe to continue the CT will halt the session and move the participants to a safer area. | | 1x5=5 |
| Fog – reduced visibility, lost child | Injury –  Cuts, grazes, strains, sprains, emotional distress | | 5x3=15 | CT to be aware of local weather conditions and forecasts.  In reduced visibility staff to implement a call and call back system to check on location of children.  If required a reduced area and extra lighting will be implemented for the OL session.  All staff to be aware of any children with a hearing impairment and to ensure they are not alone in extreme fog.  In the event of a lost child, follow the lost child procedure as provided by the CT. | | 1x3=3 |
| Any further information which needs to be noted: Please read in conjunction with the extreme weather policy and procedure.  Please note – Repton Manor Primary School operate under a dynamic risk assessing process which is the continuous process of identifying hazards, assessing risk, taking action to eliminate or reduce risk, monitoring and reviewing, in the rapidly changing environment of the natural world | | | | | | |

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| Signed: | Position: | Date: |

This assessment is reviewed annually unless accident/incident occurs requiring immediate review.