



# RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

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**Description of Activity:** Campfire building & Cooking

**Location:** Gorsefield Rural Studies and Outdoor Activity Centre

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Hazards	Who might be harmed and how?	Current Control Measures	Risk Rating (L/M/H)	Further Actions Needed	Action by Who/When
Fire and Flames	All – Potential for burns, falling into fire, flying ash, or smoke inhalation	Clear guidelines on behaviour around fire; Safe distance maintained; Fire size controlled; Water on-site for extinguishing; Supervised by at least 2 staff; Fire-building taught by qualified personnel.	Low	Consider additional fire-resistant barriers around the site for younger groups.	Weekly - Activity Leaders



Campfire building and cooking Risk Assessment – Gorsefield (06.11..24)

Touching hot items (e.g., damper bread sticks, cooking utensils)	All – Potential burns from hot items	Guidelines provided on letting hot items cool; Supervision during cooking; Use of insulated gloves for handling hot items.	Low	Introduce reminders about cooling periods during the activity.	Session Start - Staff
Loose clothing and untied long hair	All – Risk of catching fire	Ensure loose clothing is secured; Long hair tied back; Fire-resistant gloves provided as needed.	Low	Consider fire safety briefing before each session.	Every Session - Staff
Allergic reactions (e.g., to sticks, smoke, food)	Pupils with known allergies – Risk of allergic reaction	Use bamboo sticks for nut-allergic participants; Pre-check for allergies; First aid kit with EpiPen available; Nearby seating options for individuals sensitive to smoke.	Low	Consult with school/guardians for known allergies before the session.	Prior to Activity - Staff
Smoke and Ash	All – Eye irritation or respiratory issues	Position campfire considering wind direction; Inform group on where to stand if smoke shifts; First aid kit available for eye irrigation.	Low	Provide eye protection for those who may need it.	Each Session - Activity Leaders



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Building the Fire (using tools)	Children – Risk of cuts, scrapes, or improper use of tools	Tools provided with clear usage instructions; Supervision by trained staff; Safety gloves available for handling wood and tools.	Low	Include a briefing on tool safety before starting.	Every Session - Staff
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Overall Residual Risk for Activity (L/M/H): Low

### Additional Notes:

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### Level of Risk - Suggested Actions:

- Low: Control measures are adequate but should continue to be monitored and reviewed regularly.
- Medium: Control measures may need to be updated, especially in case of new risks arising.
- High: Activities should be paused until risks are mitigated.