



OFSTED No: - 101723

Charity No: - 1053927

Risk Assessment for Tutshill Nature Tots

Site : St John's cricket pitch, Tutshill.

Hazard:

Lost child.

The cricket pitch is surrounded by a thick hedge but is not fenced. There are two entrances which are not securely gated and have easy access to the Coleford Road. Additionally the hedge has some small access points to some back gardens, and there is a driveway leading to two houses on one edge of the field, and so cars may be driving near to where we are playing.

Action:

Parents and carers to remain vigilant at all times and be sure they know where their children are. Mobile children to be offered high visibility jackets to wear for the session. We will teach the children "123, where are you?" as a round up procedure between activities and as a safety check. Leader to know how many adults and children are attending the session so please inform her if you arrive late or leave the site early. This is an additional safety check but **CHILDREN REMAIN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THEIR PARENTS AND CARERS AT ALL TIMES.**

Hazard:

Local hazards on the cricket pitch: Two large white free standing structures used at cricket matches and an old cricket pavilion. These have nails protruding from the wood, areas of rotting wood and may be unstable.

Action:

They belong to St John's school and so should not be touched by any child or adult.

Hazard:

Members of the public may access the field . Dogs may possibly access field.

Action:

All adults at Nature Tots to challenge members of the public who are not part of Nature Tots and alert the leader of the group. Children to be protected from unknown dogs by keeping everyone calm and removing them away from the dog.

Hazard:

Uneven ground, trailing brambles, nettles rocks in the undergrowth, slippery tree stumps which may lead to falls and scratches. Animal excrement on the ground, litter, mud, poisonous plants and fungi.

Action:

Pre -School staff to check the main areas we will be using before each session to remove litter. However it is a large site and so adults will have to keep an eye on the area we are playing on and constantly assess for hazards. A basic first aid kit will be taken on site each session, and minor injuries can be treated at Tutshill Pre-School. The leader will carry a mobile phone for emergency use. Wet wipes and hand gel will be available throughout the session for parents and carers to clean their children's faces and hands whenever the child has touched something that may harm them. Children to be well supervised at all times but also taught not to touch nettles, fungi etc and not to eat anything that has been found

in the nature area. Children to be discouraged from sucking fingers during play in this area if this is possible with their stage of development. Children to have their hands wiped before eating food.

Hazard:

Insect bites and possible allergic reaction.

Action:

Parents and carers to watch for flying insects near where their child is playing and treat any stings appropriately.

Hazard:

Weather conditions: Rain, cold, snow, ice, fog, heat and strong sun.
Extreme weather: High winds causing falling branches, extreme cold, torrential rain, thunderstorms.

Action:

Pre- School staff will be aware of the weather forecast and assess the weather conditions to decide if the group can meet that morning. The group may decide during the session, if conditions are not safe for the children, to finish early. Children and adults to be dressed appropriately to protect them from the weather conditions.

This will include wellington boots or other sturdy waterproof foot wear, waterproof trousers and coat, old clothes that may get muddy, gloves, warm hat, sun hat, sunscreen and shirt covering shoulders. To protect from cold it is better to dress your child in several thin layers.

If a child is looking cold they can be encouraged to keep active, if they are looking hot they can be taken to the shade and given a quiet activity to rest with.

Hazard:

Sticks, stones, low branches and undergrowth. Possible injury to any part of the body but especially eyes.

Action :

Supervise children while they are exploring. Teach them to duck their heads under low branches and not to run near low protruding

branches. To carry sticks no longer than their arm and to drag them behind them. To carry longer sticks with two people. Stones can be transported but not thrown. Adult to model correct lifting when lifting heavy items, eg. stone, logs. If a child explores by climbing on to anything adult to supervise jumping off safely.

This risk assessment is not exhaustive and is intended to act as a guide to keep the children attending Tutshill Nature Tots as safe as possible. However we will be outside exploring nature and so all adults attending need to be constantly aware of the changing environment, and react to this appropriately to keep everyone safe and happy.

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