

Risk Assessment

Planetree Adventure risk assessment for Pathways Learning

This is for all days out in the forest and walking in the countryside. Planetree Adventures' woodland site is Coed Trefraith near Caerwys, with good mobile service.

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Task/area to be assessed: all days out in the forest and walking in the countryside.	Description of task/area: Planetree adventures woodland site is Coed Trefraith near Caerwys		
Assessing officer: Frances Morgan	Date: 14 January 2026	Review date: 14 January 2027	

Hazard	Who may be harmed and how	How is it currently controlled	Initial Risk Level			Further action to reduce risk	Risk Outcome			Actioned by	Target date
			Severity	Likelihood	Risk Level		Severity	Likelihood	Risk Level		
Planetree adventure Company vehicles. Getting in and out.	All Falling, trapping body parts in doors, hit by other road vehicles	Briefing, instructions and supervising on getting in and out.	5	3	15	Enter and exit on pavement side or safe car park.	4	1	4	All staff	14 Jan 2026
Travelling in vehicles RTC. Travel sickness. Breakdown	All Injuries or Death. Vomit in vehicle Cold wet passengers out of the vehicle. Other vehicle colliding.	Seatbelts used and fitted correctly approved driver, regular stops on long journey Regular servicing of vehicle Visual check seatbelts.	4	3	12	Rac cover and contact with Pathways. Shelters and spare clothing carried.	4	1	4	All staff and clients. Regular Checks from non-driving staff	14 Jan 2026

		Sick bags available. Use of warning triangle. First aider and first aid kit. Rac cover and contact with Pathways.									
Venue, Woodland Slips and trips	All Cuts, sprains, buises etc	Briefing on site and space and how to be in it and any boundaries.	4	3	12	Close supervision- all students kept together.	3	1	3	All Staff and clients. First aid kit and first aider onsite	14 Jan 2026
Shelters Tripping on guy ropes. Tripping / catching body on pegs	All Cuts, sprains, buises etc	Briefing on site and space and how to be in it and any boundaries.	4	3	12	All pegs flush with ground where possible and checked frequently.	3	1	3	All Staff and clients. First aid kit and first aider onsite	14 Jan 2026
Weather cold and wet. Strong winds, sun.	All Hypothermia, Branches falling Sun stroke, sunburn.	Keep group warm provide extra layers if needed. Check forecast and wind speed. Ensure sun cream is applied or they are covered up	4	3	12	Check forecast and wind speed and ensure students are sufficiently prepared.	2	1	2	All staff and clients. Keep an eye on clients and ask them to tell staff if feeling too cold/too hot. Constant monitoring of weather and wind speed.	14 Jan 2026
Fire lighting and management.	All Burns, scolds,	Correct supervision and training for use and how to position	5	3	15	Fire blanket, Gloves, water bucket close by.	4	1	4	All staff and clients.	14 Jan 2026

	smoke in eyes, sparks in eyes and skin Clothing on fire.	body near the fire.and ongoing rules.				No more than three to light and manage the fire at one time. Briefing and monitoring of burn procedures. Constant supervision.					
Kelly kettle	All Burns and Scalding	Correct training for use	4	3	12	Full supervision by staff. Staff to carry hot kettle and pour when clients are at a safe distance.	3	1	3	All staff and clients.	14 Jan 2026
Cooking	All Lacerations, cuts, grazes, puncture wounds, loss of blood, infection, loss of digits artery and nerve cuts/damage and high loss of blood, bruises, infection, tetanus, fractures/brakes, concussion	Correct training and supervision.	5	3	15	Tools locked in box when not in use and in transit. Clients not allowed to take tools away from work area. Staff always to keep a close eye on all tool use.	4	1	4	All staff and clients	14 Jan 2026
TOOLS • Knives • Secateurs • saws Axe	All Lacerations, cuts, grazes, puncture wounds, loss of blood, infection, loss of digits artery and nerve cuts/damage and	Correct training and supervision.	5	3	15	Clients not allowed to take tools away from work area. Staff always to keep a close eye on all tool use.	4	1	4	All staff and clients	14 Jan 2026

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Lifting and carrying	Anyone Strained back and arms	Briefing on safe lifting and carrying	3	3	9	Full staff supervision	3	1	3	All staff and clients	14 Jan 2026
Student conflict Running off	Fighting, bolting, getting lost	Close supervision and Staff to be aware of any tense situations	3	2	6	Rules and regs explained in briefing.	3	1	3	All staff and clients	14 Jan 2026
Erecting tarp Structure Making –including shelters and shelter building challenge	Anyone Knocks to the head trips, stuff on toes, cuts etc from tools (see tools), String and rope burns	Safety briefing at start of activity and constant supervision	3	3	9	Close supervision from all staff.	3	1	3	All staff and clients	14 Jan 2026
Charcoal and charcloth making and sketching	Burns, Skin reactions to charcoal	Briefing	3	3	9	Close supervision from all staff.	3	1	3	All staff and clients	14 Jan 2026
Team building and problem solving tasks. a variety of tasks with blindfolds and camouflage, Pineapple game. Magic stick, carpet steps, hide and seek, spiders web etc	Trips, falls, slips and slides; twisted and broken and fractured limbs, grazes bruises rope and string burns. Getting lost. Reactions to camouflage	Correct instruction and supervision provision of safe equipment where necessary	3	3	9	Ensure students are not being dangerous with equipment and ensure their safety at all times.	3	1	3	All staff and clients	14 Jan 2026

Notes

Probability		Severity				
		1. Insignificant	2. Minor	3. Moderate	4. Major	5. Catastrophic
	1. Rare	1	2	3	4	5
	2. Unlikely	2	4	6	8	10
	3. Possible	3	6	9	12	15
	4. Likely	4	8	12	16	20
	5. Almost Certain	5	10	15	20	25
Risk level = severity x likelihood						
	High	15-25	Immediate action			
	Medium	5-12	Action within 30 days			
	Low	1-4	Monitor			

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