

## **Risk Assessment: Autumn Adventure at Brockholes Nature Reserve**

### **Event Details:**

- **Location:** Brockholes Nature Reserve
- **Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> September
- **Max Participants:** 4 children per adult, 1 adult supervisor, some parents attending
- **Supervision:** Hazel Smith (Pediatric First Aid trained, first aid kit available)
- **Emergency Contact Number:** 01772872000
- **Emergency Meeting Point:** Car park

<b>Hazard</b>	<b>Risk</b>	<b>Who Might Be Harmed</b>	<b>Control Measures</b>
<b>Water Bodies (Lakes, Ponds)</b>	Risk of falling in and drowning	Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supervision ratio of 1:4 maintained</li> <li>- Stay on marked paths and away from water's edge</li> <li>- Clear briefing to children on boundaries</li> </ul>
<b>Uneven Terrain/Slips and Trips</b>	Tripping, falling, sprains, or cuts	Children and Adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children wear appropriate footwear</li> <li>- Careful supervision on rough terrain</li> <li>- First aid kit on hand</li> </ul>
<b>Trees (Falling branches, climbing)</b>	Injury from falling branches or falls from climbing trees	Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Activity held away from unstable trees</li> <li>- Cancel event in high winds (extreme weather plan in place)</li> </ul>
<b>Collecting Natural Materials</b>	Cuts, splinters, allergic reactions	Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Check area for hazardous plants</li> <li>- Encourage use of gloves if needed</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First aid kit for minor injuries</li> </ul>
<b>Den Building</b>	Risk of falling branches or unstable dens	Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adult supervision during building</li> <li>- Instructions on safe den construction</li> <li>- Dens inspected for stability</li> </ul>
<b>Tree Identification Activity</b>	Children wandering off or getting lost	Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clear boundaries set</li> <li>- Buddy system in place</li> <li>- Frequent headcounts</li> </ul>
<b>Handling Hot Drinks (Café)</b>	Burns or scalds from hot drinks	Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children will not handle drinks until they have cooled</li> </ul>
<b>Extreme Weather (High winds, rain)</b>	Risk of injury from falling objects, slips, or hypothermia	Children and Adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Event to be cancelled in high winds or extreme weather</li> <li>- Monitor weather forecast</li> <li>- Emergency shelter in café or car park if weather worsens</li> </ul>
<b>Transport (Children arriving/departing)</b>	Risk of accidents while being transported to/from the reserve	Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Safe vehicle maintained</li> <li>- All children wear seatbelts</li> <li>- Parental drop-off/pick-up details confirmed for children not transported by the organizer</li> </ul>

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<b>Café (Allergies or food safety)</b>	Risk of allergic reactions	Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Confirm any known allergies before the event</li> <li>- Café staff informed of any allergies</li> </ul>
<b>Lost Child</b>	Child becomes separated from the group	Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regular headcounts</li> <li>- Clear instructions for children to stay with the group</li> <li>- Emergency contact details for each child carried</li> </ul>
<b>First Aid &amp; Medical Emergencies</b>	Injury or illness during the event	Children and Adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First aid trained adult present</li> <li>- First aid kit available- Emergency services contact number and reserve's emergency contact number on hand</li> </ul>

### **Additional Information**

- **Pediatric First Aid Trained Adult:** Hazel Smith
- **Emergency Meeting Point:** Car park
- **Emergency Contact:** 01772872000

This risk assessment ensures the safety of all participants by addressing potential hazards and the measures in place to minimize them.