

Clay and Earth risk assessment

Routine risk management protocols

- All members of Tyggwhistle staff have received first aid training.
- A fully stocked First Aid kit is maintained on site and transported into woodland during sessions.
- The ratio of children to one adult is never more than 6, for children under 8, or 10 for children over 8 years old.
- A laminated emergency procedure card is carried by all staff and posted on the wall of the indoor classroom.

Description of the Activity

Playing with mud and clay to form pies etc.

Benefits

- Students gain an insight into soil, its structure and uses.
- Students develop creative ideas through play.
- Students gain a sense of achievement from the activity.

Risk Measurement guidance

Likelihood x severity

Likelihood

- 1. Only in extraordinary conditions
- 2. Rarely
- 3. Occasionally
- 4. Often
- 5. Every time activity is undertaken

Severity

- 1. Reassurance but no intervention
- 2. First aid required on site
- 3. Non-emergency hospital visit
- 4. Emergency hospitalisation
- 5. Fatality

Responses to risk Score Response 1-5 Acceptable risk 5-12 Acceptable risk with increased supervision and mitigation 12+ Unacceptable risk and should not be carried out without extensive mitigation

	Group	Risk assessment		nt	
Hazard	at risk	likelihood	severity	risk	Activity specific control measures
A participant ingests					
mud.	All	5	1	5	All participants are briefed before
A participant sustains					activity on safe play.
injury to hands from	All	5	1	5	Latex and non-latex gloves are
abrasive material.					available for children with pre-
An injury leads to serious	All	1	5	5	existing cuts on hands.
infection.					Clay and earth are taken from a
					designated area of dirt which has
					been pre-evaluated for risks.
					The designated area will be covered
					to minimise the risk of pathogens.
					Children will wash their hands before
					participating in any other activity.



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