Nature Tots Risk Assessment 2021 held on The Recreation Ground, Tutshill. Organised by Tutshill Community Pre-School

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| Hazard | Who may be harmed and how | Risk | What can be done to reduce risk | Action |
| Gates around the perimeter of the recreation ground cannot be closed securely. The perimeter hedge has some gaps and is not a secure barrier . | Lost Child | Child separated from parent or carer. Child could escape onto the road through gates or hedge. | PARENTS AND CARERS REMAIN RESPONSIBLE AT ALL TIMES FOR THEIR CHILD/ CHILDREN DURING THE NATURE TOTS SESSION. | Parents and carers to remain vigilant at all times and be sure they know where their children are. |
| Members of the public may access the field. | Child, parent, carer or group leader has unwanted interaction from member of the public. | Member of the public my harm child, parent, carer, group leader | Nature Tots leader and all adults attending Nature Tots to be vigilant if members of the public come near the group. | Group leader or adults attending group to assess reason member of the public has come near the group and politely inform them that this is a closed group. |
| If member of public does not leave the Nature Tots area and appears to pose a threat to the group . | Child, Parent,Carers and group leader | Children and adults may be harmed | Group leader to carry a charged mobile phone to call for help. | Group leader to ask all adults attending Nature Tots to keep their children close by them and leave the area until it is safe to return. |
| Litter, poisonous plants, fungi, animal excrement on the ground. | Child may be poisoned or injured. | Child may touch litter, poisonous plant or fungi and may then lick their fingers. | Group leader to check the main areas we will be using before each session to remove litter. All fungi will be assumed poisonous.  If a child licks their fingers after touching fungi or eats any fungi carers will be advised to seek medical treatment or look on the NHS website for advice. If possible some of the fungi can be put in a small bag to take to the medical appointment for identification.  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. | Group leader to remove all visible litter in the main area Nature Tots will meet. All adults to remain vigilant and look out for litter, fungi, poisonous plants.  A basic first aid kit will be taken on site each session, and minor injuries can be treated at Tutshill Pre-School.  Group leader will have a charged mobile phone to use in emergencies. |
| Uneven ground, trailing brambles, nettles rocks in the undergrowth, slippery tree stumps. The water tray on the ground will contain water towards the end of the session. | Children could fall and be injured. Risk of a child drowning in the shallow water at ground level. | Injured child.  Drowned child | Children at Nature Tots are the responsibility of their parents and carers at all times during the session. Please observe them closely while they are enjoying nature tot activities | Group leader will if possible alert the adults attending the group to the hazards in the environment. |
| Insect bites and possible allergic reaction. | Child may be harmed by a flying insect. | Possible localized or allergic reaction to insect sting. | Parents and carers to watch for flying insects near where their child is playing and treat any stings appropriately. | Group leader to have a new sealed sports bottle of water to apply to stung area. |
| Weather conditions: Rain, cold, snow, ice, fog, heat and strong sun. Extreme weather: High winds causing falling branches, extreme cold, torrential rain, thunderstoms. | Children and adults | Adults, but especially children as they can get too cold, overheat and get sunburnt. | 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, suncream and shirt covering shoulders. To protect from cold it is better to dress your child in several thin layers. | The group leader will assess the weather conditions to decide if the group can meet that morning. The group may have to finish early if the weather conditions deteriorate. |
| Sticks, stones, low branches and undergrowth. Possible injury to any part of the body but especially eyes | Children | Eye injury | Parents and carers to 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. Stones can be transported but not thrown. |  |
| Child climbing | Child | Fall and injure head or body | Adults to supervise jumping off or getting down so that the child learns how to climb safely. |  |
| Covid 19 virus. | Adults and Children | Catching the Covid 19 virus | Please see Nature Tots Parent letter which outlines how the risk of transmission of the virus at Nature Tots can be minimised. | All adults attending Nature Tots agree that they have read the Parent / Carer letter 2021. |

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. As Nature Tots is held outside in a public place all adults attending need to be constantly aware of the changing environment, and react to this appropriately to keep everyone safe and happy. Thank you.

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