

# Activity Risk Benefit Assessment

<b>Activity</b>	Tree Climbing	<b>Group Details</b>	13 Reception Pupils	<b>Assessment Carried Out By</b>	Sophie Adamson
<b>Other Risk Assessments referred to</b>	n/a				
<b>Date</b>	09.11.21	<b>Signature</b>		<b>Review Date</b>	27.11.23

<b>Benefits of Experience/ Activity</b>
<p>Gross motor skills  Sense of achievement  Strength  Physical fitness  Being able to risk assess (check branches for strength)  Wellbeing (being at one with nature)</p>

Experience/ Activity	Hazards	Associated Risk(s)	Level of Risk			Control Action(s)	Level of risk after control actions
			S	L	RR		
Standing on branches	The child's weight	Branches snapping and children falling.  Children falling on other children.	3  3	2  2	6  6	Adult to be observing children 1:2 while climbing trees. Discussion on how to risk assess while climbing trees first – children encouraged to check the strength of branches before putting all their weight on the branch. Other children have to stand away from the tree and no children are allowed underneath the tree while it's being climbed. Only one child allowed in the tree at a time. Trees (2 apple trees) to be checked by adult before trees are climbed each session.	S – 3 L – 1 RR - 3
Climbing the tree	Sharp edge of a branch/trunk	Scratches and cuts	2	3	6	Adult to be observing children 1:2 while climbing trees. Discussion on how to risk assess while climbing trees first – children reminded to look for hazards. Only one child allowed in the tree at a time. Trees (2 apple trees) to be checked by adult before trees are climbed each session.	S – 2 L – 2 RR - 4

Climbing the tree	Children being too confident	Climbing too high and becoming stuck	2	2	4	Children encouraged to climb to their height first. Dynamic risk assessment to take place for each individual child by adult and adult to intervene if a child is climbing too high for their ability.	S – 2 L – 1 RR – 2
	Mud on footwear	Children slipping	3	2	6	Ensure children’s footwear doesn’t have excessive mud.	S – 3 L – 1 RR – 3

	<b>High (3)</b>	<b>Medium (2)</b>	<b>Low (1)</b>
<b>Severity (S)</b>	death or major injury	permanent disability/serious injury	minor injury
<b>Likelihood (L)</b>	occurs repeatedly	will/could occur	unlikely/though conceivable

**Risk Rating (RR):** Significant Risk = 7 – 9    Medium Risk = 4 – 6    Low Risk = 1 – 3