

# *Before you pull on your boots, read our guidance for delivering Alfresco Learning's outdoor lesson plans!*



## Risk Benefit Assessments

We of course want you to head outside but to do so safely there are some considerations to make first. Whilst these activities are planned by us, all Alfresco Learning activities are delivered at your own risk. Alfresco Learning and its Co-Founders cannot be held responsible for any accidents, injuries or damage that may occur as a result of any learning activities. You are responsible for the safety of all adults and children throughout. We recommend completing a risk benefit assessment of your outdoor space and planned activities prior to the delivery of this lesson plan.

- A risk benefit assessment is a format of risk assessment that outlines hazards, potential risk, actions to reduce risk and benefits. The benefits are recommended to provide a balanced view of the planned activities/use of the outdoor space to make the intention behind the learning clear.
- For more information to support the completion of your risk benefit assessment, guidance around making them a truly manageable part of your teaching practice and detailed examples - download the full [Risk Benefit Assessment Guide](#) within the Outdoor Planning Hub!

## Sustainability Outdoors

Here at Alfresco Learning we promote an appreciation and love of nature. Taking learning outdoors helps us to foster environmental awareness in our children and so we recommend contemplating the impact of your own outdoor practice on natural spaces and wildlife.

### **Some points for consideration are:**

- The way you collect natural loose parts. They are featured regularly within our planning so building a bank of them to reuse would be the least impactful way of resourcing these items. For ideas on which natural loose parts to bank, where to collect them and how to store them for longevity, refer to the [Natural Loose Parts Guide](#) within the Outdoor Planning Hub!
- When collecting natural loose parts, whether within your own outdoor space or somewhere outside of school grounds, the amount or the way you harvest them should not impact on wildlife.
- 'Take only memories, leave only footprints' - show respect to your outdoor space by always leaving it as you found it, be careful not to leave anything that could pollute the area, disintegrate or affect wildlife.
- For more information to support the sustainability of outdoor teaching in your setting refer to the [Sustainability Outdoors Guide](#) within the Outdoor Planning Hub!

