


Risk Benefit Assessment: Alfresco Learning Outdoor Workshops - taking place in school grounds

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Your overall risk rating – Low, medium or high – is based on your judgement about whether the BENEFITS of the activity or opportunity outweigh the RISKS.

In addition to the points outlined in this Risk Benefit Assessment, all workshops are delivered subject to suitable weather forecasts. All workshops will need to be rescheduled if heavy rain, strong winds or thunderstorms are forecast, Alfresco Learning will notify you beforehand if this is the case. On the day of the workshop, dynamic weather assessments will also take place, if at any point the weather is deemed unsafe to continue, Alfresco Learning staff will notify you of this and end the workshop.

1. Extreme Heat Risk Benefit Assessment to be used for <u>all</u> outdoor workshops in schools					
Activity	How will young people benefit from the activity?	Possible hazards	Who is at risk?	Precautions in place to reduce risk of injury	Overall risk rating: L/M/H
Delivering a workshop in extreme heat conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Presents learning opportunities across a range of subjects > Develops connection with nature > Appreciation of the change in weather and seasons and effect on outdoor area > Improvement of emotional well-being > Deepened curriculum learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Heat stroke and heat exhaustion of children taking part in the workshop, school staff in attendance and Alfresco Learning freelance workshop leaders delivering the workshop 	Children and adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Forecasts will be monitored regularly and any workshops looking likely to take place in temperatures above 30 degrees celsius will be moved to take place in a cooler part of the day or rescheduled to a different day entirely > Moving the workshop may also include shortening the workshops by up to 30 minutes to ensure all classes are delivered during temperatures under 30 degrees celsius > All children attending the workshop must be wearing sunhats and bring water bottles - water breaks will be offered regularly throughout the workshop > Workshops MUST be delivered under full shade - class teachers will share what shade is 	M

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				<p>available with workshop leaders prior to the workshop - failure to provide this information may result in the workshop not going ahead as planned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> >Workshop leaders will put up canopies on grass areas providing UV protection and to extend existing shade or to improve dappled shade. >If adequate shade is not available, workshop leaders may deliver the majority of the workshop indoors - making sure any outdoor activities are sedentary in style and last no longer than 15 minutes at a time. Or they may reschedule the workshop to a different day. > Workshop leaders will remain responsive to the needs of the children and adults - if they feel children are at risk of becoming exhausted by the heat they will end the workshop with immediate effect. > Any physically demanding activities in the workshop will be removed from the workshop, meaning workshops may finish up to 15 minutes early. 	

Please see the next page, in preparation for your Alfresco Learning visit.

The following risk assessment is in addition to Alfresco Learning’s Risk Benefit Assessment, which outlines both activity specific and generic risks and benefits associated with workshops.

This risk assessment is to be filled out and signed by a member of Alfresco Learning on the day of the workshop delivery. If multiple workshop days take place in the same setting, this document needs to be filled out on the day of the first workshop and will cover all workshops in a reasonable time period, up to 1 month after assessment.

A member of setting staff (if possible, this should be the lead teacher who booked the workshops) also needs to sign on the day the workshops commence. This signature is to say that all staff who are involved in the workshop have read and understood Alfresco Learning’s Risk Benefit Assessment, as well as the lead teacher having read and understood any additional risks identified at site and written on this document.

Additional Risk Benefit Assessment that is unique to this workshop booking (to include site specific risk on day of workshop)						
Date	Location	Hazard	Precautions	Assessors sign	Setting - Name	Setting - Signature

