

COPTHORNE CE JUNIOR SCHOOL – TOOL RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

MAKING A CAMPFIRE

SAFE WORKING USE / POSITION:

- Seating logs should be placed in circle 1.5 metres (min) from the fire. They should be stable, and secured with stakes if necessary
- **Once the fire is lit, no one should enter the circle without good reason**
- The group should practice safe moving around the circle by, for example, playing seat swapping games
- The group will understand the importance of and use the terms 'Red Dragons', 'Orange (or Amber) Dragons' and 'Green Dragons' to identify safe, permitted and dangerous practice around the fire
- Procedures requiring entry to the circle will include; maintaining the fire, putting the kettle on or off, cooking and keeping warm
- A Forest School leader must always have overall charge of these procedures, although participation by the group will vary according to their age and experience, and be under the discretion of the Forest school Leader
- Fireproof gloves should be used for moving the kettle, hot pans when cooking and charcoal tins
- **A fire blanket should be present for smothering the fire in case of emergency**
- **A bucket containing clean water should be available for cooling of accidental small burns**



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Next Assessment Due: Sept. 2021

Type of Hazard	Likelihood of Occurrence	Hazard Severity	Risk Factor	Action to be taken to reduce risk	New Likelihood of Occurrence	New Hazard Severity	New Risk Factor
Burns from flames or hot embers	4	4	16	All participants to be made aware of the fire circle safety requirements (SEE ABOVE). This will include the use and understanding of 'Red Dragons', 'Orange (or Amber) Dragons' and 'Green Dragons'	2	4	8
Injury from inhalation of smoke	4	2	8	Ensure all participants are aware they can move away from smoky areas.	2	2	4
Damage to woodland and injuries caused by Forest Fire	2	5	10	Assessment made before session as to suitability of ground for lighting fire. Fire to be kept to reasonable size for its purpose. Fire should be within view of responsible adult at all times. Fire to be completely extinguished with plenty of water at end of session and traces removed.	1	5	5

No activity may be carried out where there is an individual Risk Factor of 10 or above.