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GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT

RHS Form D1 (Revised) Issue No: 1 Dated: September 2011

(a) Title of Risk Assessment:	Discover my Tree KS2	(b) Location:	RHS Garden Rosemoor				
		(c) Written by:	J. Hickson	(e) Date:	September 2012		
		(d) Signature:	<i>John Hickson</i>	(f) Review Date:	August 2013		
(g) Safety Code/s and other documents relevant to this risk assessment:		(h) List all staff involved in activity:	(i) Other Groups at risk: (Put a cross in Yes or No)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education 001 – School visits Education 005 – Exploring the outdoors 		Education Officers – John Hickson – Sarah Chesters	Volunteers:	Yes:		No:	x
			The public:		x		
			Visitors:		x		
			Contractors:				x
			School Groups:		x		
			Students:				x
(j) Sign to confirm all staff listed above have read the relevant Safety Code/s:		<i>Sarah Chesters / John Hickson</i>					
(k) Hazards:	(l) Precautions:	(m) Risk Rating			(n) Precaution in place? (Yes or No)		
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Education Officer to carry Radio at all times					YES		
Trip/falls/slipping in Woodland & Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Education 005 – 2.0 Slips trips and falls. Children must be adequately supervised by accompanying adults and instructed to walk in the woodland & garden. Pupils must be warned of prickly and stinging plants in woods and to avoid. When group is working to measure trees, care must be taken of measuring tapes on the ground. RHS Education Officer to highlight this in Housekeeping and H&S at the beginning of the visit 	x			YES		
Water - drowning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Education 005 – 2.0 Ponds, streams, fountains and other bodies of water. Activity does not place near large bodies of water other than small herb garden pond. Staff made aware of location. 			x	YES		
Bees, wasps and insect stings g in Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Education 005 – 2.0 Insect bites and stings. School staff must be aware of any in their group who have specific insect allergies and know how to deal with such emergencies. RHS Education Officer to highlight this in Housekeeping and H&S at the beginning of the visit 		x		YES		

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Touching and handling plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Education 005 – 2.0 Hazardous plants. Accompanying staff must be aware of any children with specific plant allergies or hay fever, and carry the necessary medication. Children must wash their hands before eating. Children must not pick plants, only adults can under the direction of the Education Officer. 	x			YES
Soil - Tetanus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Education 005 - 2.0 Risks from soil Children must be adequately supervised by accompanying adults. Provide hand washing facilities. Plastic gloves can be provided especially if child has cuts on his/her hands Any cuts to children's' hands to be covered by a plaster School asked to check that children have received tetanus immunisation. 			x	YES
Walking Blindfolded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each blindfolded person has a guide Instructions are given on how to lead and communicate to the blindfolded person Clear boundaries given Supervision of class during the activity with help from teachers. 		x		YES

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