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GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT

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

(a) Title of Risk Assessment:	Growing Plants (KS1)	(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)				
- Education 001 – School visits - Education 004 – Craft activities - 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 on wet grass	- See Education 005 – 2.0 Slips trips and falls. - Children must be adequately supervised by accompanying adults and instructed to walk in the garden. - RHS Education Officer to highlight this in Housekeeping and H&S at the beginning of the visit	x			YES		
Water - drowning	- 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	- 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	- See Education 005 – 2.0 Hazardous plants. - Children must wash their hands before eating. - Children must not pick plants, only adults can under the direction of the Education Officer. - Accompanying staff must be aware of any children with specific plant allergies or hay fever, and carry the necessary medication. - Education staff should state the need to wash hands after handling things used in activity before eating.	x			YES
Soil - Tetanus	- 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
Sliding doors - trip hazard and trapping fingers	- Make children and adults aware of tripping hazard when moving between outside and inside through sliding doors. - Do not allow children to open and shut doors, this should only be done by adults	x			YES

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