

# Safety

Our approach is relatively low-risk as we encourage you to stay on-site and, whilst we do give ideas for tools or fires, we also encourage you to stay within your comfort zone; lessons are not reliant on these activities.

Curriculum-based outdoor learning is an extension of the approach you use indoors, which means teachers and educators are already equipped with the skills to deliver it.

Your school should already have risk assessments for the outdoor areas, and these should suffice. However, we also suggest that children be trained in assessing an area for themselves. We have a child-friendly risk assessment you can use. This should be done every time you head outside. Weather, local wildlife, natural resources etc., can all change your outdoor area and the hazards found there, so check every time.

Remember, a risk assessment should be updated regularly. Whilst you are developing your outdoor approach, we suggest you update it at least once a term. You will know yourself when you can start to reduce this and make it an annual update. The rule of thumb is if anything changes, then update it immediately but have set dates in the diary for updates.

