RISK ASSESSMENT WIZARD



SCHOOL GARDEN ACTIVITIES

Safety Guide

School Education

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Key Benefits	Control Measures	Checklist Items

KEY BENEFITS

Science Learning

Builds understanding of plant life cycles, soil, and pollination.

Wellbeing

Supports wellbeing with calming, purposeful outdoor tasks.

Responsibility

Encourages responsibility through regular care and watering rotas.

Environmental Awareness

Strengthens environmental stewardship and biodiversity awareness.

KEY HAZARDS & CONTROL MEASURES

Tool Safety

- ✔ Age-appropriate tools selected
- ✔ Tool use demonstrated before activity
- ✔ Tools counted out and counted back
- ✔ Secure storage when not in use

Plant Hazards

- ✔ Toxic plants removed from garden
- ✔ Children taught not to eat unknown plants
- ✔ Gloves worn for handling plants
- ✔ Allergies checked before activities

Weather Exposure

- ✔ Weather checked before sessions
- ✔ Sun protection required in summer
- ✔ Shaded rest areas available
- ✔ Sessions cancelled in extreme weather

Water Hazards

- ✔ Water features fenced or covered
- ✔ Containers emptied after use
- ✔ Direct supervision near water
- ✔ Clear rules about water access

PRE-SESSION SAFETY CHECKLIST

Risk Assessment

- [ ] Complete and review risk assessment for this activity
- [ ] Ensure all identified hazards have control measures in place
- [ ] Brief all staff on key risks and emergency procedures

Pre-Session

- [ ] Weather checked
- [ ] Area inspected
- [ ] Tools counted
- [ ] Allergies reviewed

Equipment

- [ ] Tools age-appropriate
- [ ] Gloves available
- [ ] First aid kit accessible
- [ ] Water for drinking

Supervision

- [ ] Ratios appropriate
- [ ] Rules explained
- [ ] Boundaries clear
- [ ] Emergency plan known

After Session

- [ ] Tools collected
- [ ] Hands washed
- [ ] Area secured
- [ ] Incidents logged

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