



Risk Assessment for Knife Craft Session

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This session will introduce the students to the Mora Forest School safety knife.

All students will watch a tool talk on the proper use of the knife, any use not described during the tool talk or further knife craft sessions will conclude with that student/s being placed into isolation taking no further part in that session.

Any behavior deemed dangerous, even if performed in jest, will conclude with that student/s being removed from the Bushcraft activity for good.

All students will be briefed on the current UK knife Law and on basic knife safety, including the magic triangle and how to pass a knife safely between two users.

Following the tool talk the students will receive instruction on a number of techniques used in Bushcraft:

1. Straight Arm Cut, Forehand Grip (point making / general whittling).
2. Knee Cut (very powerful).
3. Lever Cut Backhand Grip (very powerful)
4. Stop Cut (notch cutting)
5. Rosette Cut (for splitting Wood)
6. Thumb push cut (notch cutting / fine whittling)

The students will carve a tent peg as part of the above skills being applied.

WCPS will deal with any accidents involving the knives resulting in cuts. Any need for any follow up treatment / documentation if required will be arranged via the normal school system and via the two way radio system.

General

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Existing measures / new measures	Who will do it? when?
Weather	Hypothermia	Persons undertaking instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Inform student's best clothing for this time of year. * Raincoats, Hats, Gloves. Layering system, Sun protection * Environmental Shelter and first aid kit close by. 	WCPS - throughout session.

Fire Circle

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Existing measures / new measures	Who will do it? when?
Improper movement around fire circle	Burns	Person under instruction and those near by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Inform student's of rules around fire circle * No one to move inside the seated area. * All movement is via the rear of seating * Fire Bucket, Burns First Aid Kit and Fire Blanket all near by. * One to one supervision for students. * Remind others in vicinity to stay clear of the fire circle 	WCPS - throughout session.

Knives

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Existing measures / new measures	Who will do it? When?
Improper use of knives	Wounds	Person using knife and those near by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Inform persons using the knives of tool talk. * No glove needed on hand using tool, glove on non-knife hand. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * First aider and first aid kit close by. * Tools counted in and out each session. * Initial one to one supervision for students. * Ensure safety of site if using outside of designated tool use area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Use in designated area for tools. * Keep in sheath when not in use and store in tool box/safe designated area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Remind others in vicinity to stay clear of tools. * EACH STUDENT WILL BE ISSUED CUT RESISTANT GLOVES 	WCPS - during session.

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