

Covid Secure Measures for Outdoor Learning Activities

The information below outlines additional measures London Wildlife Trust will be taking to ensure staff and participants, and the wider public, are safe at outdoor learning activities on our sites. This risk assessment is in addition to our standard Outdoor Learning Activities Risk Assessment.

Activity	Potential Hazards	Control Measures
Centre-led school session or Nature Tots/Forest School	Close contact between LWT staff/volunteers and children and adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff and volunteers will stay at home if they, or anyone in their household, have coronavirus symptoms as per the government guidelines • School groups and families are asked to stay at home if they, or anyone in their household, have coronavirus symptoms as per the government guidelines • Staff and volunteers will follow good hygiene practices with regular handwashing • Staff and volunteers will maintain a 2m distance from school groups, families, and children where possible • Staff and volunteers will wear visors when leading or assisting with group sessions if social distancing is not possible • Track and trace measures set up with all groups and individuals that the Trust has direct contact with • Forest School - London Wildlife Trust staff will minimise contact between children where we can, however this may not always be possible so increased levels of hygiene will be ensured. • Nature Tots – parents agree to and are responsible for ensuring social distancing with their child/ren. • Number of participants reduced when necessary to ensure social distancing can be maintained
Hands-on activities e.g. pond dipping, minibeast hunting	Transmitting virus from shared equipment between group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sufficient equipment that individuals do not have to share • All equipment numbered and each child assigned a number so children and adults can ensure they only use equipment they have touched • All equipment sanitised before/after use and handled by staff wearing gloves • Handwashing reinforced regularly • Some activities will be changed or stopped if social distancing is not possible or materials can't be sanitised • Natural materials on sites can't be sanitised and children can still touch but risk of transmission is low as natural and outdoors • Nature Tots and Forest School – children have own craft materials that they use each week and do not share with others • Nature Tots and Forest School – children and families have their own 'nest' space 2m from other 'nests'
Toilet use	Transmitting virus between surface contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets sanitised regularly, and sanitiser available in each cubicle so participants can sanitise toilet before use • Where possible, one toilet reserved for use by staff and school groups only (not accessible by the general public) • Forest School - children to be taken to toilet by parent/carer during session, parents contacted by session lead when needed
Handwashing	Transmitting virus between surface contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional outdoor handwashing facilities allowing children to wash hands outdoors rather than toilet cubicle • Nature Tots and Forest School - children to wash hands every half hour during session

Use of indoor classroom	Transmitting virus between surface contact and through air particles indoors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entire session conducted outside where possible• Indoor space used only in heavy rain when shelter is needed for a short time• Windows and doors remain open if indoor space is used• Indoor space not available for lunch
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