



WORKING WITH CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE RISK ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Introduction:

The majority of our community and conservation sessions at Chiltern Rangers involves mixed age group sessions in a wide variety of places and habitats.

Our site and task risk assessments therefore apply to our all age community sessions with reference to section N of Child Protection Policy.

Before the Session(s)

Our staff information and parent/carer information leaflets are available to the school/college/youth organisation staff. These help everyone get ready for the session. E.g. what to wear.

Explaining the task/Inducting Groups into the Community Session

Every session begins with an introductory talk, explaining the why of what were doing and a safety briefing teaching everybody, from the youngest to the oldest how to use their tools. The Lead Ranger doing this adapts their explanation and tasks in view of the needs, age and understanding.

During the Session

Our ranger team work with the school/college/youth organisation staff to ensure that they are working safely according to their age and need throughout the session. E.g. the size of log that a Y2 pupil will be very different to a sixth former if making a log habitat pile.

Children and young people invariably demonstrate their best behaviour on our sessions, however on rare occasions when a child or young person is not behaving appropriately, School/college/youth organisation staff are responsible for maintaining discipline in line with their behaviour policies.

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