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Parent Forum Meeting

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<p>Risk assessment for taking children offsite into the village.</p>	<p>Parents voiced that going off site is a concern with the level of supervision and activities. Catherine explained that the risk assessments had been checked by the local authority who had made the suggestions of including a map and a portable shelter to the risk assessment. The risk assessments have been updated.</p> <p>The risk assessment for going off site into the local area was shared and parents suggested if the weather declines, staff would need to reassess the risk. This has been added to the risk assessment.</p> <p><i>Will the children be able to wear high visibility jackets when off-site?</i></p> <p>High visibility jackets have been ordered by school. Once these arrive, the risk assessment will be updated and all children will wear high visibility vests when off site.</p> <p><i>Why do the children cross the road in groups rather than the teacher standing in the middle of the road stopping traffic?</i></p> <p>Catherine explained that teachers are not legally allowed to stop traffic. This is a high-risk strategy and staff are not insured to stop traffic and there are implications for who would be responsible if an accident were to happen if staff had stopped the traffic.</p> <p><i>How do you make sure the children stop at the check points?</i></p> <p>Catherine explained that the distances from the member of staff to the check point is very short to begin with. Any child who does not stop at the check point would be spoken with and not allowed to go to the checkpoints until the adult was confident they would stop.</p> <p><i>How would volunteers know what is on the risk assessment?</i></p> <p>Staff would speak with the volunteers and talk through the risk assessment. The volunteers sign to say that they have been taken through the risk assessment, understood it and had opportunity to ask questions.</p> <p><i>How do you limit the risk of children being bitten by animals when out?</i></p> <p>Catherine explained that children are asked to stand still and that the owners are asked to put the animal on a lead if necessary. This will be added to the risk assessment.</p> <p><i>In carrying weights, the risk assessment states that children must use their legs to pick up logs. Can they not use their hands?</i></p> <p>Catherine clarified that the children would use their hands to pick up the branches and would use their legs and bend down rather than using their backs to lift. An amendment will be added to the risk assessment.</p>
<p>Pets in school risk assessment</p>	<p>The risk assessment was shared and discussed. Parents thought that this was a good idea and would be beneficial to the children in school. Catherine will send out a google form to all parents seeking permission for their child to be involved with the dog.</p>



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