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1-6 = Low Risk		Severity of the potential injury/damage				
7-12 = Medium Risk		Insignificant damage to property, equipment or minor injury 1	Non-reportable injury, minor loss of process or slight damage to property 2	Reportable injury, moderate loss of process or limited damage to property 3	Major injury, single fatality, critical loss of process or damage to property 4	Multiple fatalities, catastrophic loss of business 5
13-25 = High Risk						
Likelihood of the hazard happening	Almost certain 5	5	10	15	20	25
	Will probably occur 4	4	8	12	16	20
	Possibly occur 3	3	6	9	12	15
	Remote possibility 2	2	4	6	8	10
	Extremely unlikely 1	1	2	3	4	5

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What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Do you need to do anything else to control this risk?	Rating? High, medium, low	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
Unfamiliarity with site	Teachers Organisers Children (lost children, worry, panic)	Lightwater Valley staff assistance is available Teacher/Organiser supervision Mobile Team Leaders available throughout the park Up to date, clear signage		Low			

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Access to unauthorised areas	Teachers Organisers Children (Hit by rides, trip, fall)	Teacher/organiser supervision Lightwater Valley staff available to direct Verbal instructions Mobile team leaders monitoring the site Signage (out of area zones) CCTV		Low			
Slip/trip/fall	Teachers Organisers Children (Cut, graze, fracture, sprain)	Verbal instruction from LWV staff Audits of pathways & walkways Regular maintenance and repairs of walkways and paths Teacher/organiser supervision 'No Running' and 'Wet Floor' signs in appropriate areas		Low			
Getting lost	Children (Panicking)	LWV lost person procedure onsite LWV staff and mobile team leaders throughout PA/tannoy systems available Teacher/organiser supervision Directional signage CCTV		Low			

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Vehicle movement in car park	Teachers Organisers Children (being run over, crush or impact injuries)	'Pedestrian Only' zone fencing Coaches only parking area Coach park staff Teacher/organiser supervision Arrival procedures /ticket collection Signage and awareness		Medium			
Hot weather	Teachers Organisers Children (Sunstroke, sunburn, or dehydration)	Drinks available at various locations around the park Park allows picnics and for guests to bring their own drinks Teacher/organiser supervision Staff awareness First aid measures Sunscreen available Visitor Information office		Low			
Falling branches	Teachers Organisers Children (Extreme weather conditions making trees fall, hitting children, slips, trips and falls)	During extreme weather conditions, Lightwater Valley staff will make an assessment to ensure it is safe to enter the forest		Low			

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Soil borne disease	Children	Children instructed not to put fingers in mouth during/after activities which include handling plants, soils and sticks. Hands should be washed with warm soapy water before eating lunch.		Low			
Allergies	Teachers Organisers Children (Reaction from allergen)	Teacher/organiser awareness LWV emergency procedures Teacher/organiser supervision Teacher/organiser to make park aware before visit Allergy list available in all food outlets		Low			
Water borne disease	Children	Children instructed not to put fingers in mouth during/after activities which involve putting hands into water. Open cuts should be kept dry and covered. Hands should be washed with warm soapy water before eating lunch.		Low			

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Getting wet/cold	Children	Advising that children should be wearing appropriate clothes for weather conditions – i.e., hat, coat and gloves.		Low			
Deep Water	Children Teachers Organisers	Children instructed to take care at the edge of the lake and not over reach with the net		Medium			
Injury from picking up branches/sticks	Children	Children instructed to do the following – lift heavy branches with 2 or more people, check they have adequate space before turning with long branches, do not take live branches off trees and do not snap wood		Low			