



Strawberry How Nursery School

Visit to the Garden Centre at Lakes Centre - Risk Assessment

The trips will take place between 9.00am –11.30am and 1.00pm – 3.00pm.

The children will walk to the Garden Centre through our mapped risk assessed route. Parents were initially given notification via a letter by email, they were asked to request a place if they wished their child to participate.

Staff will take snacks, water, cups and first aid supplies in a back pack and pull along bag.

Although the Lakes Home Centre is a little further away than the Main Street of Cockermouth, this risk assessment should be read in conjunction with the general trips to Cockermouth (i.e risk assessment for the vets, opticians, library etc). On this occasion this trip will be led by Nadine Stainton-Stevens.

Risks defined 1 – 5 (with 5 offering significant risk)

Assessment of Risk – the overall setting – The Lakes Home Centre, Cockermouth (RA 1)

The setting is on the outskirts of Cockermouth town. In the event of wet weather, the visit will be postponed until a suitable day can be arranged.

Assessment of Risk – Clothing (RA1)

Parents will be advised by letter to dress their children in clothing suitable for an outside walk bearing in mind the changeable nature of Cumbrian weather. Children will need suitable footwear for walking paths. High visibility vests will be worn by every child. If any child has a cut or graze on their hand this must be covered with a waterproof dressing.

Assessment of Risk – Transport to The Garden Centre (RA 1-2)

The children will be accompanied by the adults and they will follow the usual risk assessed route down in to Main Street, Cockermouth. Once there they will use a zebra crossing and begin walking down Crown Street, and continue onto Low Road until they reach an island crossing a few metres past Gote Bridge. There will be an adult on each side of the road and the third adult will take 2 children at a time across the road using the island to cross safely. Once everyone has crossed the road they will continue on to Low Road until they reach a foot path connecting the Lakes Home Centre with the public footpath. They will make their way through the car park on a designated pedestrian walk way to reach the garden centre safely.

Assessment of Risk – Footpaths (RA 1-2)

The car park area has only one entrance and exit, it is RA1-2 with safe walking through the designated footways. The children will need to be carefully supervised from the start of the car park to the entrance of the garden centre. The footpaths within the Cockermouth are tarmacked, they provide a small risk of slipping this is acceptable at RA1.

Assessment of Risk – The Lakes Home Centre (RA 1-2)

The store has been notified that a group children are attending to experience and buy items related to their topic. The children will mainly be in the garden and plant equipment area of the centre. They will take part in a short quiz all the while being supervised by the adults. They will buy designated items for the nursery garden and then leave.

Assessment of Risk – Food (RA 1)

The children will have a snack and drink during their trip at a bridge seating area while walking down the Old Railway Line footpath. Food to be taken on the trip will include croissants with apricot jam, ice poles, and water. A member of staff will be responsible for the preparing, distributing and tidying away this snack. All the children will have their hands thoroughly washed before, during (alcohol-based hand wash) and on their return. During their visit the children will be instructed to keep their hands away from their mouths.

Assessment of Risk – Medical (RA 1)

This risk assessment identifies a medical risk from the visit as no greater than any normal activity within the outside confines of the Nursery, however, please refer to the General Cockermouth Street Risk Assessment.

Items to take on the visit will include:

- First Aid kit
- Paper towels
- Bottled Hand Wash
- Mobile telephones
- Emergency telephone numbers
- Medical information
- Rucksack and Wheeled Bag
- Food
- Large bottle of water
- Paper napkins and plastic cups
- Black Bin Bags