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**Activity Specific Risk Benefit Assessment - Pottery & Pottery Kilns**

This risk benefit assessment is to be read in conjunction with the 'Dynamic & Generic' risk benefit assessment.

The pottery sessions are all completed in our messy classroom and pottery area.

The sessions are usually led by Russel or Matthew.

**How will young people BENEFIT from this activity?**

Each child will get the opportunity to create a masterpiece and they will be able to see the skills and techniques used to throw a pot on a traditional potter's wheel. Additional education includes an understanding of the materials being used, how they behave once glazed and fired in the kiln, and information about the kiln firing process itself.

Risk Assessment Completed By: MCD      Date of last update: September 2023 Review date before: September 2024			
Risk	Who might be affected	How risk is controlled	Overall risk rating: L/M/H
Hot Kiln Poisonous Glazing Materials	Staff & Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no access to the kiln area for groups.</li> <li>• The entrance to this area is gated &amp; locked.</li> <li>• Groups will always be supervised by New Barn staff and/or potter supervision whilst in the pottery.</li> <li>• Group instructed not to put their hands near their mouths.</li> <li>• Clay is not to be eaten.</li> <li>• Group member's hands to be washed immediately after the activity has finished.</li> </ul>	L
Outside Potter's Wheel	Staff & Pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groups instructed that this should not be used unless supervised by an appropriate adult.</li> <li>• The area is closed when not being used by a supervised group.</li> <li>• Potter's wheel inspected weekly by MCD to ensure it is safe to use.</li> </ul>	L



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potter's wheel securely placed so as to avoid tipping.</li> </ul>	
Clay Moulding Tools	<b>Staff &amp; Pupils</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All tools to be used under supervision.</li> <li>• All tools checked prior to use to deem whether safe.</li> <li>• Any broken tools removed immediately.</li> </ul>	L
Pottery kilns	<b>Anyone in contact</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pottery team conducts visual and manual checks in all areas during their daily duties.</li> <li>• Any items in doubt are removed to the workshop immediately or made safe.</li> <li>• The potter will assess the kilns before they are used.</li> <li>• If in any doubt consult an electrician or kiln specialist before any usage.</li> <li>• Kilns &amp; Contents will be hot so safety equipment always needs to be used.</li> <li>• Kilns will be serviced and maintained on a regular basis.</li> </ul>	L
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