



## Risk Assessment Roots Youth Group: Year 1 - 6

This risk assessment is about managing risk for Roots youth group meetings as it expands to include Year 1-6 age ranges.

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Running safe weekly events for ROOTS youth group		Date	October 2024	Venue	Parish Hall, Dundonald Road L17 0AE
Activity / Area of Concern	Hazards Identified	Persons at Risk	Current Risk Factor (high/med/ low)	Actions to be Taken to Minimise each Risk	New Risk Factor (high/med/ low)
Airborne transmission of illness / virus	Airborne illness being transferred from one person to another	Leaders and attendees	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any youth worker with obvious/ extreme symptoms of an easily transmittable illness should not attend face to face meetings.</li> <li>Any child with obvious/extreme symptoms of an easily transmittable illness should not be permitted into the youth even, and parents should be notified on the door.</li> </ul>	Low
Slip, trip or fall during activities	Broken bones, cuts and/or bruising	Attendees	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leaders are to give clear instructions regarding when activities are to take place.</li> <li>Removal of any hazards from the hall, as far as is reasonably practical - walk around the hall before starting any game to confirm these hazards have been removed.</li> <li>If an activity involves physical skills that vastly vary depending on age-range (e.g. speed or strength), consider splitting younger and older children into different groups to ensure that the risk of collision is reduced.</li> <li>Ensure leaders know where the First Aid Kit is, and to check that it is fully stocked before each session.</li> </ul>	Low
Child goes missing during Roots	Loss of young person (short or long term)  Reputational damage in the community	Attendees	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Controlled access to the building during Roots - via sign in &amp; register. A designated leader fulfils this role.</li> <li>Once children have arrived, lock the front doors for the duration of the group.</li> <li>Individual leaders responsible for their children in small group settings.</li> <li>Ensure that children leave the premises, only once a designated leader has identified a parent/guardian to pick them up.</li> </ul>	Low
Unknown Adults Entering The Building	Puts children and leaders at risk of harm	Leaders and Attendees	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Front doors locked after session has started and Lower hall doors locked until end of session to secure the building.</li> <li>Non-leader parents may stay in session, if they have expressed permission from Roots leaders</li> </ul>	Low

Medical Emergency For A Child	Danger of Death, or unconsciousness	Attendees	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Up to date and accessible Medical forms for children attending ROOTS.</li> <li>▪ Contact details for parents.</li> <li>▪ Roots leaders to call 999 in the event of a medical emergency.</li> </ul>	Low
Child appears unsettled with the format of ROOTS	Agitation, Distress	Attendees	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Regular communication to the young people about the aims and rules at ROOTS.</li> <li>▪ A desire to have more leaders than our safeguarding policy requires to ensure that every child can have fun and learn in a safe environment.</li> <li>▪ If the issues continue, speak to a parent or guardian at the end of Roots.</li> </ul>	Low
Safeguarding Issues / Worries / Concerns	Physical, Sexual, Emotional harm - including suspicion or disclosures of the above	Attendees	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensure that all leaders have a copy, and are familiar, with the ACC Safeguarding policy and how to escalate disclosures appropriately</li> <li>▪ Require leaders to attend Safeguarding courses / refreshers on a regular basis.</li> <li>▪ Never allow a leader to be with a child 1-1 outside of the view of another leader.</li> <li>▪ Ensure all Roots leaders have DBS certificates.</li> </ul>	Low

NOTE: this Risk Assessment excludes all-specific child protection hazards. Those hazards and risks are managed via the Aigburth Community Church child protection policy and associated training delivered to ROOTS leaders.

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