RISK BENEFIT ASSESSMENT – Mallet/Bodger

**Low risk- Something resulting in a minor injury eg a scratch or a bruise**

**Medium risk- something resulting in significant loss/ damage or an injury such as a broken bone which requires hospital treatment**

**High risk- something that results in extensive loss/ damage, multiple injuries or death**

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| Location/ Activity: | Stoneydelph Forest School | Date: | December 2021 |
| FS Leader: | Mrs J Parry | Review Date: | December 2022 |

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| Activity | How will young people BENEFIT from the activity? | Possible Hazards | Overall risk ratings  Low/ Med/ High | Who is at risk? | Precautions in place to reduce risk of injury | Risk rating following precautions |
| Transporting the mallet or bodger | Children having the opportunity to select, collect and return their own tool gives them a deeper sense of ownership over the activity | Dropping of the tool/damaging it  Bruises to child if dropped on themselves  Bruises to other children if passing too closely | Medium | Children / adults | Tool talk to demonstrate/  verbally state correct carrying procedure  Children only allowed to carry tool away from tool storage area in the correct holding position  Clear adult modelling | Low |
| Using the mallet or bodger | Use of the mallet or bodger will allow the children to have ownership over the woodland crafts that they wish to make or create | Bruises to themselves or others through dropping or misuse of the mallet | Medium | Children/ adults | Tool talk to give the children instructions on the safe use of the mallet  Leader to constantly observe the safe working position of the group  The weight of the mallet means that it doesn’t need to be swung- this will be reiterated to the group | Low |

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