

Risk Assessment for Viking Programme.

Viking Cooking.

Hazard/Risk	Who could be affected by hazard.	Likelihood of being affected	Worst consequence of being affected	Total for risk assessed.	How hazard/risk is mitigated	Residual risk level
<u>COOKING:</u> Open fire or range causing burn.	FST, VSA, VC, GCS	2	10	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FST to warn of danger and supervise each teaching area with assistance of VSA and HC assistant. • To reduce risk of spitting only seasoned hardwood logs to be used. • Stored wood to be kept to a minimum well away from open fire. • FST to limit the amount of fuel on fires ensuring that it does get out of control. • No running or rushing in cooking areas. 	LOW
Burn or scald from hot food or cooking pot/equipment.	FST VSA VC	5	5	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only small amounts of food to cooked at any one time to avoid excessive weight or over balancing. • Oven glove or similar to be used at all times by FST when working with fire. • Size of fire to be kept to a minimum. • No running or rushing in cooking areas. 	LOW
Stomach upset or illness caused by eating History food. Including hedgerow rations.	FST VSA VC	2	20	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FST, VSA and VC to wash hands with soap and water prior to cooking and handling all foodstuffs. • Any open cuts or injuries to be covered before handling foodstuffs with blue detectable plasters and surgical glove if necessary. • Vegetables and all suitable foodstuffs to be washed prior to use. • All food to be thoroughly cooked prior to eating. • All ingredients (common use eg flour and sugar) to be changed regularly, and if content is uncertain after use. • FST and assistants to ensure all foodstuffs are kept in suitable conditions to prevent deterioration and/or contamination. Including nettles never to be sprayed. • All cooking equipment to be washed thoroughly after use 	LOW

					and storage. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All tables to be washed down and swept. Regular cleaning with anti-bac spray. 	
Food allergy, or other reaction, causing allergic reaction or anaphylactic shock.	FST VSA VC	1	75	75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to check group file prior to session and ensures foodstuff removed from working areas. FST and office staff to clearly mark on group program any food allergies to make as obvious as possible. All foodstuffs of similar type to be stored separately in sealed containers to avoid any cross contamination. All VC to wear surgical gloves to pick nettles, and avoid any contact with skin. 	LOW
Utensils causing cut or other type of injury.	FST VSA VC	8	5	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to warn of danger and to demonstrate the safe method of use, cutting vegetables etc. Only blunt edge type utensils to be used where possible. Scissors to be used to cut vegetables etc. No running or rushing in cooking areas. Utensils to be kept on tables during session. Only removed to be washed up. 	LOW
Slip or fall on water or foodstuffs.	FST VSA VC CGS	2	20	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to warn of danger. No running or rushing in cooking areas. Cleaning resources available in each work area to immediately clear away any spillage. 	LOW
<u>GRINDING CORN:</u> dropping heavy stone onto self or other.	FST, VSA, VC	1	20	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grinding stones to places on the floor, or a non-slip surface to prevent stones from falling. FST to issue warning to the VSA/VC ensuring VSA/FST keep a close eye on behavior. 	LOW
<u>Risk Assessment for Pottery, Weaving and Jewellery Making.</u>						
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<u>POTTERY:</u> Infection in new or existing injury from modeling clay.	FST, VSA, VC	2	20	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to warn of danger and ask VC/VSA to check for cuts and abrasions etc. to be covered by plasters and/or surgical gloves. FST/VSA to remind all participants to wash their hands with soap and water after the activity. 	LOW

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to ensure that modeling tools are not too sharp and are used correctly during activity. 	
Stomach upset or infection caused by clay on hands.	FST, VSA, VC	2	20	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to warn VC/VSA against putting clay into their mouth or eating clay. FST to warn all participants not to put fingers or other objects which may have come into contact with clay into their mouth. 	LOW
Puncture or similar type of injury caused by sharp modeling tool.	FST, VSA, VC	2	10	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to warn of danger and demonstrate the safe practice of use for modeling tools. FST/VSA to ensure that VC do not walk, run or wander around carrying or using modeling tools. 	LOW
<u>WEAVING:</u> Injury caused by constriction of body part.	FST VSA VC	5	5	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to warn against over tightening wool around any part of their body. 	LOW
<u>JEWELLERY MAKING:</u> Stomach upset or illness caused by materials used.	FST VSA VC	2	5	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to warn of risk, and warn against swallowing any of the materials used. FST to instruct all VC and VSA to wash hands after the activity. FST to ensure that materials used are non toxic. 	LOW
Injury caused by constriction of body part.	FST, VSA, VC	2	20	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to warn against over tightening wire around any part of their body. FST to ensure that appropriate soft wire is used for jewellery making which can be cut easily. FST to demonstrate how to twist wire together including using a stick. FST/VSA to ensure direct supervision at all times during activity. 	LOW
Risk Assessment for Wattle and Daub						
<u>WATTLE/DAUB,</u> Stomach upset or illness due to germ or contaminated	FST VSA VC CGS	2	20	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to warn of risk and supervise directly with VSA. FST, VSA and VC to wear disposable vinyl gloves, and plasters over all open cuts or abrasions. VC warned not to eat manure. 	LOW

manure.					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VC warned not to throw any material during activity and to apply sensibly by pressing onto fence. FST to demonstrate safe use of hazel for wattle construction and to ensure that VC work safely in pairs. 	
Making a Viking Longship.						
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<u>VIKING BOAT CONSTRUCTION:</u> Cut or other injury caused by sharp tools or boat building materials e.g. nails.	FST VSA VC	2	10	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to warn of dangers caused by inappropriate use of tools and construction methodology. FST to demonstrate the safe use and methods of construction, e.g. scoring folding lines with a biro and cutting cardboard using scissors. FST to instruct VSA and VC on safely attaching shields and oars to boats pressing through with a nail. VSA to assist where possible. FST to instruct VC/VSA on safe conduct around FST work bench. VC warned not to crowd bench or go behind bench at any time. FST to keep all tools unless being used behind bench in boxes. Tools should never be left unattended on the bench. Tool boxes to be stored in locked cupboards when not in use. 	LOW
Puncture wound or similar caused by boat keel.	FST VC VSA	2	10	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to insert boat keels through plastic blocks attached to main boat body. 	LOW
Eye injury or similar puncture type wound caused by boat mast or oars.	FST VSA VC	2	5	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to warn of danger of injuries due to protrusions of boat model. FST to ensure a coloured flag is added to the top of the mast to make it more visually obvious. 	LOW

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to warn of danger of protruding oars and ensure of carrying of finished boat at waist height. FST to warn of danger and set up table away from work area for safe use of gun. FST to instruct individual to bring sails to bench rather than whole group. VC warned not to run or rush about during session. FST should remind VC of safety instructions prior to leaving work room and heading to sailing site. FST and VSA should supervise the safe movement of group to water considering above. 	
Burn from glue gun.	FST VSA VC	2	5	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use cool melt guns and glue. Guns only to be used by FST and/or VSA never VC. FST to warn of dangers caused by inappropriate use of tools and construction methodology. FST to instruct VC/VSA on safe conduct around bench. VC warned not to crowd bench or go behind bench at any time. 	LOW
<u>BOAT SAILING:</u> Fall into moat or other body of water with risk of drowning.	FST VSA VC	1	75	75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to warn of danger and ensure with help of VSA that all VC stay 2 metres from the edge of water. At all times at least one adult should be on either bank of the water. Extra care should be taken in wet and slippery conditions FST assessing conditions and extending safety distance if necessary. One child from each boat will hand their boat to FST who will launch it. The children in this group will be supervised by VSA. FST to check site after group has left and check with VSA group numbers. 	LOW
Stomach upset, illness or disease, contracted from water.	FST VSA VC	1	40	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST should warn the group of risk. FST should instruct anyone who has come into contact with water directly, or indirectly to immediately wash his or her hands after activity. 	LOW
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<u>ILLUMINATED WRITING:</u> A fall backward from school bench causing injury to self or other.	VC, VSA	2	20	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to warn of danger. FST to limit the number of children on the benches at one time. A maximum of 4 individuals to each bench. Benches to be kept close together to limit the 'fall' distance and risk of severe injury. 	
Quill or writing equipment pokes into eye.	FST VSA VC	1	40	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to warn of danger and demonstrate the safe use of instruments. Quills and pens to be laid on the bench after and during use to limit risk of eye injury. 	
Ink splashes into eye or mouth.	FST VSA VC	2	20	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above. FST to limit ink in pots to small amounts. Ink pots to be placed into ink well in bench or wood block to secure in place. 	
Slip or slide on spilt ink or other liquid causing fall or collision.	FST VSA VC CGS	2	20	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to ensure any spillage cleared away ASAP using material and equipment available in teaching space. FST and VSA to ensure VC do not rush or run around teaching space. 	

<u>VIKING SHIELD WALL</u> Injury to head (inc. concussion) or other body part as a result of contact with hard 'shield'.	FST VSA VC	8	5	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to warn of danger and demonstrate the safe use of shield. FST to establish range of commands to stop 'Army' immediately should you need to. The 'Army' must never run at anytime. FST to ensure that no weapons are carried, used or improvised at any time. FST to ensure that any contact between 	LOW
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					VC/VSA/FST during mock battle is strictly controlled. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to check the battlefield before activity for potential hazards. 	
<u>HANDLING WEAPONS</u> Injury caused by contact with artefact	FTS VSA VC	8	5	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to warn of danger and demonstrate safe handling of artefacts. Artefacts held by VSA and FST and taken by VC Blades to point away from VC with swords pointing to the ceiling. FST to ensure that replica guns are used. FST to ensure that guns are not pointed at people. VC not to move artefacts around. VC to move in a controlled manner from one artefact to another. VSA to ensure that a first aid kit is available. 	LOW
Injury caused by the wearing of helmets	VC	8	5	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VC must remove glasses and plastic hair grips. FST or VSA to place helmet on child's head. 	

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR GREEK / EGYPTIAN MYTHS & STORIES, CELT, SAXON & VIKING SAGAS.

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<u>WEDDING.</u> Injury caused by the handling of artefacts.	FST VSA VC	2	40	80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VC will stand or sit in two designated areas away from the fire. Actors may be handed replica (non-sharpened) swords to carry. Actors will be instructed in how to carry the swords safely. 	LOW
Electric shock from lanterns used as part of the display.	FST VSA VC	2	40	80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FSC will deploy the electric lanterns in areas away from children. Electric lanterns will not be used 	LOW

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> outside during wet weather. 	
Safeguarding Issues	VC	2	40	80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VC actors may be given costumes to wear over their existing clothes by their peers. VC actors will receive help in putting on the costumes by their peers. 	LOW
<p><u>STORY OR SAGA AROUND THE FIRE</u></p> <p>Burn from fire.</p>	FST VSA VC	2	40	80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire contained within fire pit, or metal container. Exclusion zone around the fire of at least 2m metres in every direction. This to be increased in windy conditions. VSA and FST to ensure a 'Fire Watch' at all times to prevent unauthorized individuals entering the exclusion zone. Seasoned hardwood logs to be burned on the fire, if not a greater exclusion zone to be ensured by the FST. Fire managed so flames get no higher than knee height, OR 0.5m on raised area, by not allowing further wood to be added to the built fire after lighting it. Fire to be positioned away from other flammable materials and overhanging trees and branches. FST to light, tend and re-stock fire' The area within and immediately surrounding the exclusion zone 	LOW

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> should be clear of any trip hazards. Ensure water for treatment of burns is situated in easily accessible location. 	
Slip, trip or fall.	FST VSA VC	1	40	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fire should be positioned where access can be gained by a clearly marked path. The area within and immediately surrounding the exclusion zone should be clear of any trip hazards, including spare wood. 	LOW
Respiratory difficulties due to excessive smoke.	FST VSA VC	1	75	75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FST to ensure the prevailing weather and wind conditions are taken into account when setting up the exclusion zone to allow for smoke and wind. VSA to ensure any VC with severe asthma and/or respiratory difficulties are kept out of smoke and at a safe distance. Whenever possible seasoned hardwood logs to be burned on the fire. 	LOW
Extinguishing fire Causing burns	FST	1	40	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only FST should carefully extinguish fire at end of session. Leave area as it was found whenever possible, particularly in woodland. 	LOW

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