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Activity: Fire Pit/Story telling area			
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See General Leeson House Grounds Risk Assessment			
1	Logs, branches	Injury when lifting Splinters from wood Use wood from a sustainable source	Use and lift small branches and logs Be aware of splinters, handle wood carefully. Only adults to put wood onto fire.
2	Lighting fire	Burns Sudden combustion	Use only paper and cardboard to start fire. Use matches at arm's length Only LH staff to prepare and light fire Only adults to put wood onto fire. Keep fire within pit area on metal grid – do not make it too big.
3	Fire spreading	Burns Cutting off escape routes Setting trees/vegetation on fire	Have watering can and buckets of water at fire pit site Keep fire within area, not too big Ensure no overhanging branches/trees Do not have fire if too windy/dangerous wind direction
4	Smoke	Smoke inhalation Asthma Disturbance/annoyance to neighbours	Check wind speed and direction Sit group where they won't be in direct smoke Keep House windows closed if required Do not have fire if weather may make it dangerous – e.g. high winds Do not burn smoky things – green material/leaves etc Ensure asthmatics have inhalers with them and are away from any smoke

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5	Sparks	Catching clothing on fire Burns Setting vegetation on fire Group too close Smoke/Items in eyes	Check wind speed and direction and sit group accordingly. Have radio and mobile phone present First Aid kit present and Burns kit Follow recommended First Aid procedures in event of any burns Keep group sat down on bank away from fire Follow First Aid procedures for 'items in eyes' – wash out with saline solution, seek medical help if required
6	Behaviour	Dangerous behaviour resulting in injury/burns	Set behaviour expectation and rules before bringing group to fire pit area. No throwing of things onto fire
7	Unattended Fire	Spreading fire	Never leave the fire unattended. When finished and group has moved away douse the fire with water until it has completely gone out. Avoid dousing while group is still there because of smoke and steam
Emergency		Nearest first aid kit will be present at fire pit site. Also first aid kits in games hall and classroom. Burns kit in lab Assistance available, for the office (internal phone number 221 or 222) or overnight supervisor (233) Emergency Services - Dial 9 and then 999	