



Tree Climbing Risk-Benefit Assessment

Risk-benefit assessment date: May 2026

Assessed by: C Copeman

Risk(s)	Benefit(s)	Description of risk management and maintenance agreed	Activity Ideas	Nominated person	Action date
Falling from trees Splinters Children getting stuck through lack of confidence. Children getting stuck through lack of climbing skill Injuring others on trees.	All those listed in play policy plus... Core strength, Coordination, Cooperation, Creativity, Balance development, Imaginative play opportunities	Daily checks on trees and marking which can be climbed. Agreeing with children that they climb no higher than their own head height on a tree. One person at a time on a tree. Children only to climb agreed trees. Children not to take anything up a tree with them. Sensible footwear at all times.	“We might try and pull ourselves up.” “We might play hide and seek.” “We might balance sensibly on a certain part of the tree.” “We might work together to plan a route up a tree.”	OPAL lead and OPAL play team	13/05/20256