Lindley Educational Trust Hollowford Centre	**Risk Assessment** **Archery**	Current as of January 2026 By Paul Booker Review date by 31 January 2027

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HAZARD	**RISK**	**CONTROL MEASURE**	**FURTHER ACTION REQURED**	**RESPONSIBILITY / DUE & COMPLETED DATES**
General	Various injuries	Code of Practice applies Suitably qualified / experienced instructor (includes First Aid) Clear briefings & supervision All accidents, near misses and incidents are recorded and appropriate action undertaken as required. Safety reviewed in staff meetings. Seek & share information with similar providers	No further action at this stage	
For every session there will be a dynamic risk assessment on arrival and will be on going throughout the activity session				
Extreme Weather	Sunburn Hypothermia Hyperthermia	Instructor to check weather forecast prior to activity & observe conditions throughout. If necessary change plans & move to safety. Ensure participants have suitable & adequate clothing plus access to warm (or cold) drinks Remind visiting staff & young people about sun protection.	No further action at this stage	
Equipment Failure	Various injuries	All equipment checked prior to use. Regular checks, maintenance & renewal schedule All equipment to correspond to relevant standard Any broken arrows and bows to be removed from service for repair / replacement	No further action at this stage	
Participants	Various	Participants asked to share relevant previous & existing medical issues. Visiting group leaders asked any other (eg behavioural) issues Staff ratios (group size) amended as required	No further action at this stage	
Arrows shot towards others in group	Serious injury	Clearly defined area for archery Limited number of people at shooting line Clear briefing by suitably experienced instructor to include always point arrow at target	No further action at this stage	
Running into an arrow	Injury to person – puncture wound	Briefed on walking everywhere when doing archery	No further action at this stage	

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Bow String making contact with forearm	Injury to person - bruising	Briefed on how to correctly hold bow Make participants aware that they can catch bow string on forearm Armguards are available	No further action at this stage	
Rebounding arrows	Various injuries	Shooting line to be an appropriate distance from the target according to the ability of the group	No further action at this stage	
Misfire (Arrow falling / landing close to firing line)	Various injuries	Group briefed to leave arrow where it is until all participants have been told it is safe to collect their arrows 32” arrows used to prevent overdrawing	No further action at this stage	
Removing arrows from archery butt	Injury to other person	Briefed on how to retrieve arrows, inc – to look behind them before they pull the arrow out Be especially careful with younger groups Limit collection to those who have been shooting	No further action at this stage	
Holding arrows unsafely when walking back	Falling onto arrows	Group briefed on appropriate way to walk back with arrows - **Tips pointing down and not enclosed in hand**	No further action at this stage	
Other persons not involved in activity walking onto field	Being shot	Instructor awareness of other activities occurring (orienteering) Overshoot area where no activity takes Back stop net	No further action at this stage	