



Accreditations and Risk Assessments

Ufton Outdoors

We take our responsibility to keep everyone who visits us at Ufton safe very seriously. We work with outside agencies and Health and Safety consultants. We are insured by Ecclesiastical Insurance Services and Aviva. We have worked to achieve the highest standards of safety and quality learning experiences being accredited by Learning Outside the Classroom LOTC.

Accreditations

Nationally Accredited for Quality and Safety

Ufton Court holds the Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) Quality Badge — a nationally recognised accreditation that assures schools we meet the highest standards of educational value and safety for school trips. Awarded by the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom, this badge is a trusted mark of excellence. It confirms that Ufton provides:

- High-quality, curriculum-linked learning experiences
- Robust safeguarding, child protection and risk management
- Skilled, experienced educators who bring topics to life in immersive, memorable ways

Choosing a provider with the LOtC Quality Badge gives teachers confidence that their pupils will be safe, supported and engaged in meaningful, impactful learning.

5-Star Food Hygiene Rating

At Ufton Court, we're proud to hold a 5-star food hygiene rating — the highest awarded by the Food Standards Agency. It means our kitchens meet the top standards for cleanliness, food safety and legal compliance. From hearty breakfasts to warm evening meals, we serve food that keeps children happy, healthy and ready for learning and fun!

Activity Risk Management													
Activity	Inherent Risk Present							Control Measures in Place					
	Allergic reactions	Drowning	Falling	Entrapment Entanglement	Gettig lost	Slips & Trips	Specific other Note 1	Additional permission required	Education Leader Competence	Standard Operating Procedures	Activity on site	Protective Equipment	First Aid Cover
Activities Indoors	Yes Note 2	No	Yes (Bunk Bed)	No	No	Yes	Bumped head, trapped fingers	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Activities Outdoors <i>All activities take place in our Woodland Area.</i>	Yes	Yes Note 3	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Archery	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Being struck Note 3	No	Yes (External Qualification)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Low Ropes, Balance Bridge and Challenge Wall.	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Being Struck	No	Yes (External Qualification)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Pioneering <i>Power Tower, Flintstone Cars, Rafting, Barrel Boarding and A Frame Walking.</i>	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Being struck	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Bikes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Being struck Traffic	Yes (Bike form)	Yes (External Qualification)	Yes	Note 4	Yes	Yes
Blindfold Trail/ Games	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Being struck	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Crafts <i>Bushcraft and Woodland Experience</i>	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Note 5	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Fire Lighting <i>Bushcraft and Woodland Experience</i>	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Note 6	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Food Preparation <i>Bushcraft</i>	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Note 7	No	Yes (External Qualification)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Navigation <i>Orienteering, Photomapping and Geocaching</i>	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Off-site Walk <i>Navigation and Rafting</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Traffic	Yes (Offsite form)	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Rafting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Being struck Traffic	Yes (Water form)	Yes (External Qualification)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Games <i>Ultimate Frisbee, Gutter ball, Earthball and Caterpillar Walk</i>	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Being struck	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes



Wide / Woodland Games	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Being struck	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Woodland Walk	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Project Bees	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Note 8	Yes Note 8	Yes (External Qualification)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tool Work Bushcraft & Woodland Experience			Yes	No	No	Yes	Note 9		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

All Risk assessments are conducted at the start of each school year and are reviewed automatically after any significant change. Our Learning Outside the Classroom Quality BADE accreditations support our risk assessment process.

Note 1 – With any outdoor activity, there is the risk of bites, scratches, and stings.

Note 2 – Allergic reactions from food served.

Note 3 – Being struck could be by person, something in nature or an object.

Note 4 – Bikes are mainly onsite. If the group is deemed competent, they may ride offsite along country roads and forestry tracks.

Note 5 – Construction includes: A-frame walking, Ballistic Build, Barrel Boarding, Bottle Rocket/Rocket Cars, Chariots, Flintstone Cars, Shelter Building. Some items may be heavy, and materials such as metal, wood and rope could cause injury.

Note 6 – Fire lighting includes: Flint & Steels, Campfires, Cooking fires, Group fires, Kelly kettles – risk of scalding/burning. Cuts may occur from use of flint and steels.

Note 7 – Cuts from utensils and cross contamination. Food Poisoning. Food Hygiene Qualifications in place for all Education Leaders.

Note 8 – Bee sting and Anaphylaxis. Parent permission and notification of known allergies required before visit. Critical Incident Procedure in place to support medical emergencies.

Note 9: Tool work includes knife work.

Risk Assessment Summary

Risk Area	Risk Analysis
Site Orientation	An introductory site tour highlights relevant hazards to the guests along with the boundaries and any restricted areas. These hazards are constantly monitored while guests are on site. As a result of this control measure, the risk level is low in all areas mentioned.
Fire	We conform with Regulatory Reform Order (Fire Safety) and have Fire Risk Assessment in place. Each new intake has a walk-through explanation of the fire procedure on day of arrival.
Security	For residential groups, keys are provided to visiting adults and external doors locked at night with intruder alarms set. We have on-call staff living on site and groups are provided with a mobile phone enabling direct contact.
Identification	All adults wear identity pass, including visitors and contractors. Ufton staff are identifiable by an Identity pass, branded clothing, historical clothing and/or high visibility clothing.
Lighting	Adequate lighting of all walkways, both internally and externally, automatically come on after dark.
Slips & Trips	As an outdoor learning site, the grounds are uneven and often wet and slippery. Sturdy outdoor shoes are recommended and advise all visitors to be aware when moving around the site.
Utility Integrity	All utility installations are routinely inspected.
Traffic Hazards	We have an electronically controlled entrance gate including intercom, speed humps and signage. Safety briefing includes the crossing of the site road
Emergency Procedures	An emergency action plan (called the Critical Incident Plan) in place. All staff are trained and is rehearsed regularly.
Weather	Please check the weather in advance and prepare accordingly. Sturdy outdoor shoes are recommended. Footwear and clothing checked before activity. Outdoor conditions assessed with activities and locations adapted ensuring safety of all visitors and staff.

Copies of our accreditations and insurance documents can be found on our website: <https://www.uftoncourt.org.uk/accreditation-risk-assessments>

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