**Notes:**

This risk assessment is based on the official UK Government guidance available at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> and HSE guidance [www.hse.gov.uk/news/coronavirus.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/news/coronavirus.htm) and [www.hse.gov.uk/news/working-safely-during-coronavirus-outbreak.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/news/working-safely-during-coronavirus-outbreak.htm) that was current at the time of writing. Official guidance will be regularly reviewed in case the control measures we have implemented need adapting.

The Wood Centre for Innovation has its own risk assessment for the building that the Science Oxford Centre procedures comply with. There is a separate risk assessment for school visits to the Science Oxford Centre as a whole and public visits to the Science Oxford Centre on our website.

At the time of writing this risk assessment there was an average of 5 cases per 100’000 people in Oxford. Therefore, considering the additional steps we are taking to keep out staff and visitors safe, our likelihood rating is 1 or ’unlikely’.

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| **Young Explorers Risk Assessment****A school workshop delivered at the Science Oxford Centre** | **Severity** | **Likelihood** | **Risk Rating\*** |
| **Hazard** | **Risk to** | **Control Measures** |
| Getting or spreading Corona Virus | All | * PPE including masks, face shields, gloves, aprons, and hand sanitizer is available to our staff and will be mandatory in situations where social distancing cannot be maintained.
* All equipment will be cleaned or quarantined for 72 hours between bubbles of participants.
* We will do our best to accommodate each school’s individual bubble arrangements. If any workshop is not deliverable given the school’s social distancing requirements, they will be advised at the time of booking.
 | 2 | 1 | **2** |
| Possible choking hazard from small parts from some equipment if misused | **Small children** | * Children adequately supervised
* Sensory bottles tightly sealed
* Sound pots internally sealed with tape
* Provided toys suitable for children aged 3 years and above
* Damaged equipment/ items removed immediately and placed out of children’s reach
 | 2 | 1 | **2** |
| Trips and falls | **All** | * Stools tucked away
* Cables covered
* Equipment on tables or in defined areas
 | 2 | 1 | **2** |
| Electrical equipment could cause shocks | **All** | * All equipment PAT tested
* All equipment in good condition
* Equipment inspected regularly
* Any damaged equipment removed immediately
 | 3 | 1 | **3** |
| Strong magnets are harmful if swallowed | **Participants** | * Magnets well sealed inside large straws so they cannot be swallowed
* Equipment inspected regularly
* Any damaged equipment removed immediately
 | 3 | 1 | **3** |
| Misuse of equipment (Intentionally broke, thrown, hit with) | **All** | * Children are asked to respect the equipment, share and play nicely
* High supervision levels
* Misuse of equipment will be addresses immediately
* First aider available
 | 2 | 1 | **2** |