



DANGEROUS PLANT POLICY

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LEAPS Suffolk recognises that many plants are poisonous if eaten or capable of causing allergic reactions if handled. Accordingly, no plants on the list of the dangerous plants shown below are allowed on the premises without first conducting a risk assessment to review the degree of risk posed to the attendees.

The outside play areas at the Club have also been checked for the dangerous plants listed below. Where a potentially dangerous plant exists and we are unable to remove it, we have conducted a risk assessment which takes into account: the ages and maturity of the attendees, the degree of supervision required, whether we need to restrict access to affected areas, how attendees with allergies might be affected. The following is a list of the most commonly found plants that staff should be aware of as posing a possible hazard.

If a dangerous plant is found in the grounds, the Manager will contact the Site Manager of the school as soon as possible

Note that this list is not fully comprehensive.

Common Name	Latin Name	Harmful
Indoor plants		
Angel's Trumpet	(Brugmansia or Datura)	Eaten
German Primula	(Primula Obconica)	Touched
Lantana	Lantana	Eaten/Touched
Leopard Lily	(Dieffenbachia)	Eaten/Touched
Oleander	(Nerium Oleander)	Eaten
Rosy Periwinkle	(Catharanthus Roseus)	Eaten
Umbrella Tree	(Schefflera)	Touched
Bulbs eg Daffodils & Hyacinths	(Narcissus) (Hyacinthus)	Eaten/Touched
Cut flowers eg Daffodils, Monkshood, Mistletoe	(Narcissus) (Aconitum) (Viscum Album)	Eaten/Touched

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Outdoor Plants		
Autumn Crocus	(Colchicum Autumnale)	Eaten
Castor Oil Plant	(Ricinus Communis)	Eaten/Touched
Foxglove	(Digitalis Purpurea)	Eaten
Fremontodendron	(Fremontodendron)	Touched
Ivy	(Hedera Helix)	Eaten/Touched
Laburnum	(Laburnum Anagyroides)	Eaten
Leyland Cypress	(X Cupressocyparis)	Touched
Lily-of-the-Valley	(Convallaria Majalis)	Eaten
Lupins	(Lupinus)	Eaten
Mezereon	(Daphne Mezereum)	Eaten/Touched
Monkshood	(Aconitum Napellus)	Eaten/Touched
Pokeweed	(Phytolacca)	Eaten/Touched
Rue	(Ruta Graveolens)	Touched
Spurge	(Euphorbia)	Eaten/Touched
Yew	(Taxus Baccata)	Eaten

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Wild and native plants		
Black Bryony	(Tamus Communis)	Eaten
Black Nightshade	(Solanum Nigrum)	Eaten
Cherry Laurel	(Prunus Laurocerasus)	Eaten
Deadly Nightshade	(Atropa Belladonna)	Eaten
Giant Hogweed	(Heracleum Mantegazzianum)	Touched
Hemlock	(Conium Maculatum)	Eaten
Hemlock Water Dropwort	(Oenanthe Crocata)	Eaten
Horse Chestnut	(Aesculus Hippocastanum)	Eaten
Lords-and-Ladies	(Arum Maculatum)	Eaten
Mistletoe	(Viscum Album)	Eaten
Snowberry	(Symphoricarpos Albus)	Eaten
Wild Privet	(Ligustrum Vulgare)	Eaten
Woody Nightshade	(Solanum Dulcamara)	Eaten