**RISK ASSESSMENT FINDINGS**

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| **Department/Service** |  |
| **Date** |  |
| **Assessor** |  |
| **Approved By** |  |
| **Review Date** |  |

**Relevant Legislation:**

The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999

**RISK ASSESSMENT RECORD**

**ACTIVITY and/or ENVIRONMENT TO BE ASSESSED: Pond on Site**

**DATE:**

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| **KEY (People at risk)** | **Likelihood (L)** | **Severity (S)** | **Risk Calculation** | **Risk Rating** |
| E = Employee YP = Young PersonsP = Public C = ContractorsV = VisitorsEM = Expectant Mothers | 1. Very Low (rare/very unlikely)2. Low (unlikely)3. Medium (could occur/possible)4. High (likely to occur/probable)5. Very High (near certain to occur)  | 1. Insignificant (nuisance/discomfort)2. Minor (no lost time)3. Moderate (time loss)4. Significant (serious/incapacity to work)5. Major (Death) |  Likelihood x Severity=Rating | **1- 6** **LOW RISK** Monitor * 1. **MEDIUM RISK** Monitor, review & reduce risk where possible

**14-25** **HIGH RISK** Further Action Required |

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| **1.Hazards Identified and potential harm it could cause** | **2. People****At Risk** | **3.Controls in Place** | **4.Risk Rating** | **5. Further Action Required/ Recommendations** | **6.Target Date for Completion** |
| **L** | **S** | **Score** | **Risk** |

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| Falling in to deep water – risk of injury, drowning etc. |  | * Edges of the pond should be shallow
* Pond should be visible from the school building
* Trees and shrubs in the immediate area and in the line of sight from school building should not obscure observation of the pond area.
* Pond should be located away from regular paths and pitches
* Depth should be limited to 1m at its deepest point
* The area surrounding the pond should be flat or gently sloping, all potholes and potential trip hazards should be eliminated
* Bank side should be protected from erosion
* Edges of the pond should be clearly visible e.g. paved/ edged to ensure pupils/ children are safe at the water’s edge
* Where the pond has a ‘soft edge’ for the development of wildlife it should not be accessible to pupils
* Schools must have fencing and gates to restrict unauthorised access (minimum 1m height with a lockable gate).
* If the school is used in the evenings – illumination of the pond area is required e.g. solar lighting.
* Adequate information, instruction, training and supervision for pupils prior to use.
 |  |  |  |  | Install appropriate signage e.g.:‘DANGER DEEP WATER’‘RULES’ such as:Keep gate locked when not in useKey returned to – Behaviour rulesMaximum number of pupils to staff ratioEmergency procedure and first aid |  |
| Risk of disease eg Weils disease |  | * Thorough hygiene (e.g. no hand-mouth contact) during use and thorough hand washing after using the pond
* Regular cleaning and maintenance of the pond and surrounding area
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| Electric shock from water pumping / filtering systems |  | Where an electric pump is required this must be installed and regularly inspected by a competent electrician (consider if it is feasible to fit a solar unit). |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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