

Whitstable Junior School Risk Assessment – Pond Use

Risk Assessment – Using the pond			
Hazard	People Harmed	Risk Control	Further Action
Falling into the water	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit the number of children at the pond edge at any one time to 4 • Appropriate level of supervision in place taking into account age of pupils and any special needs • Children waiting should wait outside the fenced area • Slip / tripping hazards eliminated from the surrounding area. • Stand sideways at the water's edge • Adults should empty nets into observation trays • Children should lay down when using the overhang platform • Do not use the overhang platform in slippery/wet conditions 	<p>Pond area kept locked when not in use.</p> <p>Adults should demonstrate safe stance at water's edge</p>
Hygiene Infection / disease Weils disease, Poisoning (bluegreen algae)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate provision for hand washing available after pond use • Provide paper towels rather than communal hand towels. • Do not allow children to touch any part of their face with their hands before hands are washed. • Younger pupils should be seen to wash their hands. • Cuts / abrasions covered with waterproof plaster • No eating in the pond area • Prevent access to the area by cats/dogs, check always made of the area to remove (hygienically) any faeces before children enter the area. • Any algal scum should be removed, avoiding skin contact. Pupils should be supervised carefully so that they have no opportunity to eat any parts of the plants growing in or around the pond. 	<p>Have hand sanitiser available to use</p> <p>Have visible signs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking only in pond area, • Wash hands thoroughly after pond activities, • Only 4 children in pond area at any one time