

Base Camp Open Water and Pond Dipping Risk Benefit Assessment

Risk Management Statement:	<p>Base Camp at Baldersby Park recognises that all risks cannot be reduced to nil, therefore this risk assessment prioritises the significant risks. Significant risks are those which pose risk of serious injury, chronic injury, disability or death, or risks that are overly common in interrupting our staff and clients normal work.</p> <p>For all activities, Base Camp staff in conjunction with school leads, will dynamically assess risks and put in place control measures and record as required.</p>
Activity or Feature:	<p>To view and observe the wildlife and plantlife in and around the ornamental lake from behind the fence, as part of learning during a visit to Base Camp.</p> <p>To pond dip, within the fenced boundary, as a more focused activity looking and identifying the minibeasts and animals within the lake's water.</p>
How will participants benefit?	<p>The lake at Baldersby Park has a high level of biodiversity and is a great learning tool and resource. Birds, fish, algae, water-borne plants and mini-beasts can be found at the lake, so participants can discover, observe and learn much about the natural world.</p> <p>Whilst being inspired by its biodiversity, participants can also learn how to stay safe around bodies of water.</p>

Identify the Hazards	Who/what may be harmed	Likelihood of Occurrence	Severity of harm	Overall risk	Existing Control Measures	Recommendations/further action required
Drowning	Adults and children	Unlikely	Injury or death	High	Surrounding the lake is a white picket fence. This makes the lake's edge easily identifiable and acts as a boundary	Weekly checks of the fencing to identify any maintenance issues. Ensure users have visited the lake prior to school visit and are fully engaged with its hazards and the importance of briefing children about safety/behavioural expectations around bodies of water.

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					<p>indicating where to stop and observe.</p> <p>The depth of the lake varies between the seasons but on average is 1.5m deep. Shallow enough for the average adult to stand up with their head out of the water.</p>	Supervision at all times when visiting the lake.
POND DIPPING						
Water-borne diseases from contact with the lake water	Children and adults	Moderate	Injury	Low	<p>Participants told not to put hands in mouth</p> <p>Participants to wash their hands with soap after activity.</p>	Clear and appropriate supervision throughout the activity.

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					Participants with open cuts or sores on hands and arms told to observe and identify only and not to have contact with the water.	
Drowning	Adults and children	Unlikely	Injury or Death	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils will be insight of adults at all times • Suitable places to dip will be explained • Number of nets will be restricted so areas don't become over crowded • Pupils without nets wait their turn away 	Ensure school leaders have visited the lake prior to school visit and are fully engaged with its hazards and the importance of briefing children about safety/behavioural expectations around bodies of water and this particular activity.

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					<p>from the water's edge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils will be told to walk in the dipping area • Pupils not complying to rules will sit out • Pupils on lake edge will kneel with one knee up or lie on their tummy. 	
<p>Hurting or unbalancing other pupils with pole of the fishing net</p>	<p>Adults and children</p>	<p>Moderate</p>	<p>Injury</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Remind participants that the nets have long poles and it's necessary to be aware of others when moving net around.</p>	<p>Supervision throughout activity with spacing of groups taken into consideration.</p>



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First Aid emergencies	Adults and children	Moderate	Injury	Low	Take First Aid kit and ensure it has ice packs and sterile water. Take phone.	Regularly check First Aid kit and ensure phone is fully charged.
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