

## Ponds

### RAISE-AP

Hazards	Who is at risk?	Current Control Measures	Additional Requirements	Timescale
Poorly designed or slippery edges, falling in, unauthorised access, drowning.	Pupils Staff	<p>Edges of the pond clearly visible and defined, with no steep or slippery banks</p> <p>Deeper zone positioned away from the edges where the pond is most often used. Taff must be able to access deeper areas in the event of an emergency.</p> <p>The depth should be kept as shallow as possible Maximum depth of pond; infants 60 cm, junior 75cm and secondary 100cm</p> <p>Pond regularly maintained to ensure that the perimeter does not become obscured and that the area around the pond does not deteriorate.</p> <p>If possible the pond should be located so that it is visible from nearby school buildings.</p> <p>Slip / tripping hazards eliminated from the surrounding area.</p> <p>Edges that are open for access for pond dipping should be gently sloping, or flat and well defined</p> <p>For smaller ponds, steel, rigid mesh fixed over the top of the pond, which is firmly secured and regularly checked for signs of deterioration</p> <p>Appropriate level of supervision in place taking into account age of pupils and any special needs</p>		

		<p>Appropriate warning signs posted if applicable ('No unaccompanied children', 'deep water' etc.)</p> <p>Ponds in primary schools fenced to 1100mm, with lockable gate to deter unsupervised entry.</p>		
Pond dipping – injury caused by nets, falls, cuts and abrasions etc.	Pupils Staff	<p>Equipment regularly inspected and well maintained. Damaged equipment is repaired or disposed of.</p> <p>Instruction to children regarding use and expected behaviour.</p> <p>Areas maintained with minimal overgrowth to ensure good visibility for leaders to supervise and monitor whole area.</p> <p>Avoid use of glass containers or equipment, to minimise the risk of breakages and lacerations.</p> <p>Young people dipping are spaced well apart</p> <p>Appropriate clothing for conditions (including hats and sun cream where necessary)</p>		
Infection, disease, Weils disease Poisoning (blue-green algae)	Pupils Staff	<p>Adequate provision for hand washing readily available.</p> <p>Provide paper towels rather than communal hand towels.</p> <p>Do not allow children to touch any part of their face or handle any foodstuff with their hands before hands are washed.</p> <p>For younger pupils, handwashing should be supervised.</p> <p>Cuts / abrasions covered with waterproof plaster prior to any activity around water sources.</p> <p>No eating in the pond area.</p>		

		<p>Prevent access to the area by cats/dogs, check always made of the area to remove (hygienically) any faeces before children enter the area.</p> <p>Algal scum should be removed regularly, avoiding skin contact.</p> <p>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> <p>Pupils are instructed of the hazards associated with any toxic/poisonous plant life.</p> <p>Areas are regularly checked for any particularly hazardous plants such as giant hogweed.</p>		
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Initial Assessment Review Date	Risk Assessment assessed, reviewed by the following competent person:	<b>Tasks and control measures reviewed by the Educational Directors:</b>
Name (PRINT)		Name (PRINT):
Signature:		Signature: <span style="float: right;">Date:</span>
Next Review Date:	<p>Your workplace will change over time. You are likely to bring in new equipment, substances and procedures. There may be advances in technology. You may have an accident or a case of ill health.</p> <p>You should review your risk assessment:</p> <p>if it is no longer valid</p> <p>if there has been a significant change</p>	