

## **School Pond Safety Policy.**

The school pond is an established man-made construction being approximately 2m by 3.5m and with a maximum depth of approximately 1.1m. It is surrounded by a paved walk way and grass. The pond area is enclosed and entry is through a lockable gate.

The gate is to be secured when not in use.

All work at the pond will be performed in a safe manner. Eg. the 'Respect' position, lying across the paving slabs or carried out at a suitable distance.

Children will be reminded about safety prior to working at the pond area.

The pond area should be kept clear of trip hazards.

The pond should be checked to ensure that it has not been used in the group's absence as other people's debris can be harmful.

Hygiene standards are to be maintained and children are to wash hands after working at the pond.

The pond is a vibrant habitat and note must be taken of creatures and plants that sting or bite. Children who are known to have sensitivity or serious reactions to such events should be catered for as per their proscribed regime.

All rubbish and debris should be removed at the end of the session.

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