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There is no water on our Forest School site, although there has been discussion about creating a small pond area. In the event that this was to be created it would likely be fenced separately and access controlled. There is a local nature reserve which may be visited in the future which has a series of ponds and ditches of varying depth. The following is a preliminary risk assessment for such features.

Hazard / Risk	Persons at Risk?	Initial Risk Rating	Normal Control Measures	Additional Control Measures <i>Ensure these are considered and amended before any individual activity is undertaken.</i>	Residual Risk Rating
Deep Water. Risk of drowning.	Children & Adults	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety talk and group briefing given. • Site coordinates recorded prior to visit together with emergency entrance point for use in the vent of an emergency. • Well defined fire area with practiced procedure for entering and leaving it. • Increased adult to child ratio. • Emergency pack to include rope throwing line, additional spare clothing. 		Low
Shallow Water. Risk of drowning.	Children Staff	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above. 		Low / Medium
Hypothermia. Risk of hypothermia in the event of child becoming wet	Children Staff	Low / Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above • Weather check conducted before visit. 		Low
Standing water. Diseases such as Weil's disease (Leptospirosis) and others are associated with standing water.	Children Staff	Low / Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional advice to be sort immediately prior to the visit outlining the proposed activity. • Leader to carry out briefing. • Groups informed of the dangers associated with stagnant or standing water. • Any open cuts or grazes covered with waterproof dressings. 		Low