

KCC Risk Assessment Form – The 5 steps approach

Activity / Operation/ Event: Pond Pioneers (Stream only at Brockhill)					Assessment Date: 07.12.16		
Establishment: Brockhill Country Park					Review Date: 07.12.17		
Step 1 Identify the hazards	Step 2 Who might be harmed & how?	Step 3 What are you already doing?	Risk Rating <small>Trivial/ low / medium / high / stop</small>	Step 4 Is anything further needed?	Step 5 Action & Review		
					Action required	Responsible person	Date completed
Pond dipping nets	Group + Leader Knocks/bumps from handles/nets when children working in close proximity to one another.	Verbal warning to take care and be aware of people around them especially when handling nets. Limit the number of people using nets at any one time, for example 3 nets per group of 6 children. Split large classes between sections of the stream/lake to provide space.	LOW	Close supervision by visiting staff			
Pond/stream water Dirty water/Rat urine	Group + Leader Potential infection from Weils disease via open cuts or putting hands in mouth during dipping.	Verbal warning of dangers of stream/lake water at start of activity. Warn not to put fingers in mouths whilst and/or after dipping. Cover fresh/open cuts with micro-pore tape or	MEDIUM	Close supervision by visiting staff			

		disposable gloves before dipping. Wash hands before eating.					
Great water boatman	Group + Leader Bites on hands if touch pond minibeasts	Warn that some stream/lake minibeasts will bite if touched and therefore give a verbal warning not touch them.	LOW				
The natural stream its flow and depth	Group + Leader The stream may be flowing quickly, risk of being knocked off feet and falling into stream	Review stream depth, flow rate and depth before working or studying in and around the stream	MEDIUM	Review stream depth, flow rate and depth before working or studying stream Close supervision by visiting staff			
Type of stream bed Rocky/sharp objects Muddy/sandy	Group + Leader The stream bed may be hazardous. For example it may be uneven potentially causing Slips/Trips/Falls and Cuts/Scratches/Sprains	Take care when entering the stream wear safety wellingtons/waders or strong work boots. Advised not to run. No bear feet. Group supervised at all times.	LOW	Close supervision by visiting staff			

Vegetation along stream edge	Vegetation may cause eye damage, Cuts/Scratches /Stings	Clear vegetation if required. Prepare stream edge vegetation before starting activity if deemed necessary	LOW	Close supervision by visiting staff			
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