

Braeside Education Centre - Activity Risk Assessment



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Assessment of:		Drews Pond Steam & Woodland Studies Day		Venue:	Drews Pond Wood Nature Reserve, Outdoor Classroom & Old Cricket Pitch, Devizes	
Assessor:		Josh Simons		Date:	January 2026	Review Date: January 2027
ID	Hazards Identified	Persons at Risk	Current Risk Factor (High, medium, or low)	Actions to be Taken to Minimize each Risk		New Risk Factor (High, medium or low)
	le: what can cause harm?	le: who could be harmed by the hazard?	le: determine the level of risk	le: what action can you take to lower the level of risk		le: risk factor after action taken to minimize the risk
Please also see:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Walking (Devizes town & surrounding areas) RA 						
1	Slips trips & falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable footwear to be worn and check before leaving Braeside. • Extra care to be taken in icy conditions and instructor to check route before use. • First aid kit to be carried 		Medium
2	Abduction / lost pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students 	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:15 staff to pupil ratios. • Regular head counts to be done. • Pupils never left to explore/work without supervision. • Students always to work in groups. 		Low
3	Contact with animal faeces.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group briefed to leave any animals alone. • Area to be checked before use. 		Medium
4	Weather conditions, exposure to heat or cold, high winds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather to be checked before leaving Braeside. • Group clothing to be checked and appropriate for conditions before leave Braeside. • Risk to be continually monitored by instructor though out session. • Vehicle pick up to be available. • Group all to carry water with them. • Water drop off to be arranged if needed. • Group shelter to be carried if wet cold conditions. 		Medium
5	Poisonous plants/stinging nettles/thorns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First aid kit to be carried. • Area checked before use and group warned about findings. 		Low

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6	Dirty / untreated water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group briefed to wash hands before lunch. Hand gel to be carried. Stream used is a freshwater stream. Group to be told not to drink water. 	Low
7	Deep water, risk of drowning Possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students taught how to keep safe when in and around water. Groups only to enter shallow water stream areas. Each group to be monitored by staff member. Platforms to be used to enter and exit the water. Water level to be checked by instructor before entering the water. 	Low
8	Platforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be check for damage prior to use. Only one person on platforms at a time. Warn group they may be slippery. 	
9	Misuse of equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief on how to carry and use all equipment before issues/use. Each group to be monitored by an adult. 1-15 minimum staff to pupil ratio. 	Low
10	Broken equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students 	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment to be checked before handed out. Any broken equipment when out to be taken off student. Group to be briefed on how to use equipment to avoid breakages. 	Low