

the outdoor classroom

preparation for your visit:

risk assessment

Location	Description of Hazard	Likelihood	Seriousness	Suggested Control Measures
Site-wide	Weather	Medium	Low	Bring appropriate clothing and footwear. Bring water in warm weather.
Site-wide	Personal injury through slips, trips and falls.	Medium	Low	Inspections of paths, steps etc. at planning visit. Verbal warning in induction.
River	Possibility of drowning	Low	High	Verbal warning in induction. Verbal warning if inappropriate behaviour observed.
Site-wide	Heat exhaustion	Low	Medium	Schools to advise on appropriate clothing and drinking water. Verbal warning at induction
Site-wide	Allergic reaction to plants due to touch. Poisoning due to ingestion of poisonous plants.	Low/Medium	Medium	Verbal warning in induction. Nettle stings are the main hazard. Stinging nettles should be identified to all visitors.
Site-wide	Personal injury from traffic / cyclists.	Low	High	Verbal warning in induction. The track through Mereway Nature Park should be pointed out. This is used for access. There is a 5 mph speed limit in the park.
Site-wide	Possibility of abduction/assault by member of the public.	Low	High	School Emergency and Vulnerable Persons' procedures. School staff responsible for the location of their group at all time. Accompanying adults in appropriate ratios.

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Site-wide	Contamination from water / soil etc.	Medium	Medium	Guidelines should be given on the importance of good hygiene especially when near water / soil in the induction.
Site-wide	Viles Disease Rats	Low	High	Verbal warning in induction. Verbal warning if innapropriate behaviour is observed.
Site-wide	Dogs (dog bites, dog waste)	Low	High	Verbal warning in induction. Verbal warning if innapropriate behaviour is observed. Include antiseptic cleanser.