



**MELLERS PRIMARY SCHOOL
POND SAFETY POLICY
JANUARY 2017**

Aims & Purpose

Mellers Primary School aims to offer our pupils as rich a learning environment as possible in order to enhance the curriculum.

- We have worked hard to ensure that the school grounds are an attractive area for children to play in and so have constructed a school pond.
- We wish to ensure that they have access to this environment, in a safe and controlled way.
- We aim to allow children to use the pond as a “hands on” resource to enhance the curriculum as a whole.
- Children must be kept safe at all times.

Guidelines

- The pond is covered by a plastic safety grid, which prevents drowning.
- The site manager will check the pond each morning to ensure that the plastic grid is undamaged and intact, and that the pond is safe
- All children in school are aware that they must not drink the water from the pond.
- Although the pond will be covered by the plastic grid, during snowy and icy weather the site manager will ensure that the area is free of snow and ice in order for it to be clearly visible.
- Children will always wash their hands when they have completed a study session in the pond.
- Staff and pupils will wear suitable footwear when working around the pond.
- If any member of staff is maintaining the pond without the plastic grid, they must be accompanied by another member of staff.
- In case of emergency, the alarm must be raised with the school office.
- All staff members are trained in emergency first aid, and there are 3 trained first aiders.

Approved by the governing body:

24th January 2017