

Risk Assessment for school visits to the river Pang at Englefield Dairies

All action points in bold type are to be addressed by staff leading the visit.

SITE NAME: Englefield Dairies	GRID REF: SU 628 730 (entrance from Chalk Pit Farm), SU 633 738 (entrance from A340)
OWNER: Englefield Estate, The Old Estate Office, Englefield Road Theale Berkshire RG7 5DZ	TEL. NO: 0118 930 2504 (estate office)
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NEAREST HOSPITAL: Royal Berkshire, Craven Road, Reading (0118 987 5111), West Berkshire Community Hospital, Thatcham (01635 273300)	
SITE ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES: via Chalk Pit farm (628 730). Take the A340 from Theale towards Pangbourne, then third turning on left signed for Bradfield. Chalk Pit farm is the first farm on the right after about 0.5 kms. Drive slowly through the Polo yard. Signage for 5mph	

HAZARD	RISK LEVEL Low – high	ACTION
Risk from public – main section of river is accessible to public due to network of footpaths.	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure teachers are familiar and comfortable with the site • Ensure adequate presence of adults on school trips.
Risk from site operatives – farmer and others	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform Estate / farmer /gamekeeper of date of each visit • Provide warnings according to use of site by others
Roadside hazard	medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warn teachers of blind corner when entering or exiting via Chalk Pit farm • Warn children if necessary • Adequate supervision • Stop trailer 20M before site access. Banksman dismounts to open electric gate and supervises safe entry into farmyard.
Ground conditions - often uneven, muddy, wet All studies to be conducted upstream of the footbridge, as indicated by the red posts	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate supervision and control of children • Advise teachers on appropriate footwear • Ensure red posts are in position 10M upstream of footbridge
Weather conditions – especially relevant given lack of shelter at the site	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid kit and blanket to be brought along on each visit • Provide schools with recommendations for suitable clothing
River work hazards – including risk posed by high banks and uneven ground, falling into water, disease, speed and depth of water and risk of drowning Site to be prepared by staff before visit	medium - high	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This site to be recommended for 14 years and upwards given the greater depth and speed of water compared with other sites • No river studies should be conducted below the footbridge. • Any visiting teacher to visit site beforehand to ensure they are happy

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warn children of wire along fences, stiles, trip hazards in water, steep banks, thick vegetation and uneven ground and bridges. Advise work where banks are gentle • Adequate adult/child ratio (min. 1:6) • Health & safety information to be sent to all schools • Health & safety talk to all groups • Cuts covered and use of antiseptic wipes • Site to be visited before each visit to ensure water is not too deep for a visit and to remove obstacles from the river and bank • First aid kit, mobile phone, rescue device and blanket to be carried on each visit
Wildlife hazards – snakes, fungi etc	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warn children not to approach
Cows and horses	low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate supervision • Guidance to children on how to behave in these situations • Liaise with Englefield Estate prior to each visit

Assessor. J. Bishop

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