



Fishpond, Efflinch Lane, Barton under Needwood

Recent incidents have been reported of school pupils throwing items into the Fishpond and trying to retrieve them. Please DON'T do this as it's fraught with danger - drowning, injury, risk of contracting waterborne diseases. It also results in rubbish/detritus going into the Fishpond unnecessarily.

Never attempt to step onto the ice or go into the pond when the pond is frozen.

Please could all parents, carers and children be aware of general safety tips below....

Stay Safe Around Open Water

1. Be Aware of the Risks: Open water can be deceiving. Understand the dangers, including, hidden debris, extreme cold, pollution, and fast currents in rivers and streams.
2. Emergency Response: If you see someone in distress, call emergency services immediately (999). Provide precise location information using tools like WHAT THREE WORDS. Stay on the line and follow instructions. WHAT THREE WORDS for Barton Fishpond is at: sprinkler.filed.bench.
3. Safety Measures: Encourage individuals in the water to float on their back. Use available lifesaving equipment such as lifebuoys or throw lines. Never enter the water yourself.
4. Cold Water Hazards: Beware of cold-water shock. Even when ponds are frozen, falling in can be dangerous. Stay away from frozen bodies of water and avoid walking on ice.
5. Environmental Protection: DON'T throw objects into the water. Items like rubbish, broken glass, or shopping trolleys can harm both people and aquatic life. Protect fish habitats and aquatic environments by disposing of waste properly. Do not be tempted to enter the water to retrieve items.
6. Pollution Awareness: Open water may be polluted, posing risks of waterborne diseases.

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