

# RISK ASSESSMENT LA GRAND FERME OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL

**This matrix should be used for assessing the risk level of activities, prior to writing a full risk assessment**

Please highlight the relevant box for each category and then write the score in the box above the headings. Any areas that score **3** or over, indicate an identified hazard

Assessed by: Rebecca Ropars	Date of assessment : 09/04/2024 Date to be reassessed 09/04/2025	I certify that the assessment for this activity covers all the significant hazards applicable	Signature: _____
Position: Centre and Pool manager			

Part A		Who may be harmed?					Risk Assessment		Risk Rating - see matrix below	Required controls	Are Controls implemented ?		
Identified Hazards	No.	Description	Pupils	Employees	Teachers	Visitors	Property	Probability			Severity	Yes	No
	1.	Use of the pool during free time for staff		✓	✓	✓		2	3	6-Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff are made aware that there is not a lifeguard on the poolside during the session.</li> <li>They should tell someone that they are going swimming.</li> <li>They comply with the pool rules and NOP's</li> </ul>	✓	
	2.	Water clarity	✓	✓	✓	✓		2	1	2 - Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the water falls below the ability to see swimmers clearly in the water the pool must be closed.</li> </ul>	✓	
	3.	water contaminations	✓	✓	✓	✓		2	3	6 - Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check the levels of chlorine and PH before the activity.</li> <li>Daily checks undertaken by staff to verify water quality before pool is opened and biannual checks to be made by an outside competent inspector.</li> <li>If the water is contaminated through: faeces, blood, vomit, the pool will be closed until a full pump cycle has passed to clean the water.</li> </ul>		
	4.	Pool supervision						2	3	6 - Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A teacher is required to take responsibility for the supervision of the group in the pool. Animateurs conducting activities will be trained in pool safety.</li> <li>A schedule of training in these rescues and first aid techniques should be arranged periodically.</li> </ul>		
	5.	Any additional Chemical treatment to the pool water.						2	2	4 - Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Should be carried out when the bathers are away from the pool area.</li> </ul>		

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6.	Chemical imbalance	✓	✓	✓	✓		2	3	6-Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If a chemical imbalance occurs the pool should be closed and reported to the pool manager.</li> <li>Daily checks are undertaken by staff to verify pool water quality.</li> </ul>	✓	
7.	Non observance of the pool rules	✓	✓	✓	✓		2	4	8-med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rules should be clearly explained to pupils and guests by a member of staff before the activity.</li> <li>Children who break the rules should be spoken to by the supervising teacher and if this persists they should be removed from the pool.</li> </ul>	✓	
8.	Glare and reflection	✓	✓	✓	✓		2	3	6-Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The supervising teacher should move position so that they can see all the swimmers in his care. Use the shade area which has been supplied.</li> </ul>	✓	✓
9.	Races and competitions Organised games Recreational games i.e. water polo  Tiredness	✓	✓	✓			2	3	6-Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Games should be appropriate to the age group and special care to supervise.</li> <li>Only equipment suitable for the activity (pool-approved equipment should be used.</li> <li>Children should be reminded of the pool rules and any other rule which influences their safety.</li> <li>Pool supervisors should not work on the poolside for more than 2 hours without a break of at least 30 minutes.</li> </ul>	✓	✓

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10.	Lifesaving equipment missing / damaged	✓	✓	✓		✓	2	3	6-Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The rescue equipment should not be removed at any time. If the lifesaving equipment is damaged or missing no swimming should take place until replaced or repaired.</li> <li>Staff should check all equipment is in place before the activity.</li> </ul>	✓	
11.	slippery surfaces Falls and trips	✓	✓	✓			2	3	6-Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The pool surface, pool surround, could be slippery. Signage and information to these hazards should be displayed. Pool supervisors should enforce the no run rules.</li> </ul>	✓	
	Poor supervision	✓	✓	✓			2	5	10-Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The pool surround surface is specially designed to be non-slip.</li> <li>They should be aware of the NOP's and EAP's</li> </ul>	✓	
12.	Gate: fingers and body can be trapped.	✓	✓	✓	✓		3	3	9-Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is a self-closing door. This should be at a controlled speed with signage to remind users to take care when using the gate. Very small or young children should not use the gate but an adult escort will open and close the gate.</li> </ul>	✓	
13.	Leaving the pool to change or go to the toilet	✓	✓	✓	✓		2	2	4-Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The pool supervisors and accompanying teachers should be made aware of this absence to confirm head counts during the activity. Permission to leave the pool area must be requested by the child</li> </ul>	✓	
	Access to the pool without supervision	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓		1 1	5 5	5-low 5-low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The gate should be locked after all sessions</li> <li>Signage to say the pool is only to be used with pool supervisor in attendance.</li> </ul>	✓ ✓	
13.	Pool cover	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	5	5-Low	Staff should be trained in the removal and replacement of the pool cover. No pupils are allowed on the pool side whilst the cover is on the pool water. The pool cover is safely stored during swimming sessions.	✓	

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## Risk Assessment – Supporting Notes

### RISK LEVEL CALCULATOR

Probability or Likelihood Rating/Criteria		Severity or Outcome Rating/Criteria	
1	Highly unlikely → No known history	1	Trivial injury → No first aid
2	Possible → Foreseeable in unlikely circumstances	2	Minor injury → First aid required
3	Probable → Foreseeable in any circumstances	3	Major injury → A+E hospital action
4	Likely → Odd incident has occurred	4	Major injury to many → Injured persons
5	Inevitable → Common occurrence	5	Death → One or more persons

The **RESIDUAL RISK LEVEL SCORE** (between 1 & 25) is calculated by multiplying the **PROBABILITY RATING** (between 1 & 5) by the **SEVERITY RATING** (between 1 & 5) based upon the criteria above. This assumes that **all** the controls identified in the risk assessment above, together with any generic ones which are referred to, are already in place.

Probability or Likelihood score	5	10	15	20	25	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1 to 6 = Low</td> <td>This indicates a managed risk, requiring little action or response, simple control required</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">8 to 15 = Medium</td> <td>This indicates a medium risk to be controlled, requiring effective action or response. The level of severity may indicate that greater control is required. Consult Health &amp; Safety adviser to discuss control measures</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">16 to 25 = High</td> <td>This indicates that full control and response is required. Specific and detailed management and impact of controls is necessary. Always consult Line Manger and Health &amp; Safety adviser to discuss control measures</td> </tr> </table>	1 to 6 = Low	This indicates a managed risk, requiring little action or response, simple control required	8 to 15 = Medium	This indicates a medium risk to be controlled, requiring effective action or response. The level of severity may indicate that greater control is required. Consult Health & Safety adviser to discuss control measures	16 to 25 = High	This indicates that full control and response is required. Specific and detailed management and impact of controls is necessary. Always consult Line Manger and Health & Safety adviser to discuss control measures
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	4	8	12	16	20							
3	6	9	12	15								
2	4	6	8	10								
1	2	3	4	5								
Severity or Outcome score												
1    2    3    4    5												

#### Review of Risk Assessments should take place:

- When time expired (six-monthly or annually)
- Whenever there is a change or operation, procedures or equipment
- Whenever there is a change of personnel involved in the process
- In the event of a near miss, incident, or accident