

Leeson House and Dorset Council's Outdoor Education Service uses the National Guidance from OEAP ([www.oeapng.info](http://www.oeapng.info)) and the SAGE framework to determine ratios and effective supervision. Ratios and effective supervision must be discussed during the planning stage with reference to the specific location and activity risk assessments.

<b>Activity: RSPB Reserve at Arne</b> – this risk assessment only applies to areas accessible by the designated paths in the reserve.			
Risk Assessment Completed By: Michael Gould		Date: January 2022 Review: January 2023	
<b>See General Off – Site Risk Assessment</b>			
1	<b>Bird Hides</b>	Steps to bird hide can be slippery when wet, windows can catch fingers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief pupils, staff to open and close windows.</li> </ul>
2	<b>Adders</b>	Adders on paths / sandy areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief pupils to stay away from any snakes seen, staff to walk at front of group.</li> </ul>
3	<b>Salt marsh / harbour</b>	Muddy shorelines, sharp flints on beaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief pupils to stay away from the mud / sea and to keep footwear on at all times.</li> </ul>
7	<b>Disturbance of other visitors</b>	Other birdwatchers in the reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep close supervision of pupils at all times, brief pupils to be quiet when approaching the bird hide.</li> </ul>
8	<b>Binoculars</b>	Carrying straps on binoculars, damage to binoculars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupils must not run when carrying binoculars. They must always have the strap around their necks. Look through them only when not walking.</li> </ul>
10	<b>Deer Ticks</b>	Tick Bites / LYMES DISEASE/ ENCEPHALITIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief pupils and staff on procedure for checking for ticks and advise to wear long sleeved trousers and t-shirts</li> <li>REFER TO SEPARATE GUIDELINES FOR LYMES DISEASE AND ENCEPHALITIS</li> </ul>
11	<b>Deer</b>	Some Sika Deer have been known to be aggressive in the past. Pupils can be scared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief pupils about staying quiet.</li> <li>Stay in a compact group with adults spaced out.</li> <li>Use alternative route if a stag is blocking the way.</li> <li>Give plenty of time for the herd of deer to pass across pathways</li> </ul>
<b>Emergency:</b>		See General Off –Site Risk Assessment Emergency Procedures Good Mobile reception throughout. RSPB Information Hut is at the Car Park, often with volunteers present. RSPB Offices and Toilets found along a short pathway from the Southern end of the main car park <b>Leeson House – 01929 422126                      Emergency Services – 999 or 112</b>	

