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Activity : Chesil Beach at Abbotsbury and Portland / Preston Beach Weymouth / West Bay		
Risk Assessment Completed By: Michael Gould and Matt Smith		Last review date: January 2024 Annual Review: January 2025
1	Remote locations	Illness / accident in a remote location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leader must be familiar with nature of the area under the prevailing conditions and choose working areas and activities appropriate to the conditions and group See SAGE guidance and 'Environment and Staffing'
2	Weather / Exposure	Sun burn/stroke/hyperthermia Wet/cold/hypothermia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the group is adequately equipped and that a weather forecast is obtained. Brief pupils beforehand regarding appropriate clothing and / or sun protection Remind students to drink plenty of water. Consider carrying extra water if the conditions dictate. Carry group shelter / emergency bag / sun cream / spare waterproofs and layers as appropriate. Be prepared to change plans if area chosen is overly exposed to the wind / weather.
3	Slips, trips and falls	Inadequate clothing and footwear for conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils to take care descending paths especially where loose gravel and stones are present Make sure that students are wearing footwear appropriate for location and conditions, e.g., not sliders or sandals/flip flops.
4	Traffic in car parks and on roads. Road crossings.	Traffic in car park areas and on roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief group members about the traffic in car parks and on roads Brief group on how to cross roads appropriately.
5	Members of general public / Abduction / Getting lost	The locations can be busy, and it may be difficult to keep close watch on a group of students. Being polite and courteous if interacting with members of the public. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils to remain in groups at all times, ensure each group has mobile phone. Groups to be given a Leeson House phone number in case of emergency and / or a school staff contact number. Give clear instructions as to meeting points and times. Make sure that groups know where the emergency meeting point is. Remind groups to be polite and courteous at all times in the locations, especially important if groups are doing questionnaires or surveys. Leeson House staff to have had training on de-escalation.
6	Sea, risk of drowning, submersion and hypothermia	Fieldwork takes place near to or next to the sea. There can be a severe rip tide at Chesil Beach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief all group members to stay at safe distance from the sea AT ALL TIMES. Tides – check tides are suitable Carry throwlines(s) and be practiced in how to use them Watch the waves for at least 5 minutes before starting work on the beach to ascertain a safe distance to work on the beach

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7	Rock groynes and rip rap / Sea walls	Large boulders – gaps between boulders Large drop off the sea wall at Chiswell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils beforehand NOT to climb on the groynes or rip rap Brief groups about staying away from the edge of the sea wall
8	Equipment	Ranging poles / tapes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils to carry and use equipment safely
9	Beaches	Glass / other sharp objects / rubbish from sea / dog mess / possible Man o'War jellyfish (siphonophore)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief pupils to take care and be aware of beach surface Do not pick up any rubbish from the beach
10	Landslips at West Bay	Active landslips at West Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rockfalls and landslips occur regularly on West Bay beach (most recent Jan'2023). No fieldwork is to take place under the cliffs themselves, under any circumstances.
Emergency		<p>Good mobile phone reception in the area. Abbotsbury – nearest help would be carpark / café / tropical gardens Chesil Beach Portland – some shops and pubs nearby Preston beach and West Bay – numerous places for assistance Emergency Services – 999 or 112 Leeson House – 01929 422126</p>	