

Activity: Corfe Castle Village

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See General Off – Site Risk Assessment

1	Traffic and road crossings from car parks	<p>Traffic – major risk especially in Summer</p> <p>Children straying off the pavements Not being seen by traffic Drivers choosing to pull out around parked vehicles</p> <p>Traffic on roads, especially blind bend on Church Knowle road at 957822 and Main Road by visitor crossing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff must be at front, within and at rear of group • Children briefed to stay in single file and to be aware of traffic at all times • Staff to lead group and also to be at rear of group. • Staff to wear a reflective waistcoat at all times • Be aware of vehicles overtaking parked vehicles • Assist supervising crossing all roads. Use the footpath along the river rather than the pavement alongside the main road.
2	Parked Cars	<p>Parked vehicles preventing a clear view of the road and oncoming vehicles.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children to cross roads under strict supervision by staff • If crossing by parked cars staff MUST ensure that there are no vehicles likely to pull out around a parked vehicle • Staff to wear a reflective waistcoat at all times
3	Steps outside houses and narrow pavements	<p>Pavements are very narrow in places, especially East Street opposite Mortons House Hotel, and some houses have raised steps outside which presents a serious tripping hazard</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to lead group at all times • Staff to wear a reflective waistcoat at all times
4	The Square	<p>Traffic and people everywhere – especially when accessing the shops and castle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly brief pupils on how, and where, the group is going to cross the square. • Staff to wear a reflective waistcoat at all times
5	Steep drops from Castle Walls	<p>Steep drops can be hazardous if children are unsupervised, running etc Large drops below walls and viewpoints</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children need to be briefed on appropriate behaviour and closely supervised.
6	Damage to historical ruins	<p>Climbing on ruins</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children need to be briefed on appropriate behaviour and closely supervised. • No climbing is allowed

Emergency	<p>See General Off – Site Risk Assessment There is a member of National Trust staff in the entrance office whenever the Castle is open. There is a phone in this office - number is 01929 481294 Mobile Phone coverage is intermittent across the whole area, and poor to non-existent at the base of the Castle and at the Visitor Centre but better in West and East Streets Leeson House – 01929 422126 Emergency Services – 999 or 112</p>
<p>It is important that all groups studying and walking through Corfe respect the privacy of local residents. Please keep the use of questionnaires to a minimum. It is possible that roadworks could affect your route– it is essential that all leaders are aware of the location of these roadworks.</p>	