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Activity: Corfe Castle Village			
Risk Assessment Completed By: Michael Gould and Amelia Gibson			Date: January 2024 Review: January 2025
See General Off – Site Risk Assessment			
1	Lack of effective supervision of the group	Issues/accidents as below	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow SAGE guidance on effective supervision. Consider time or year and nature of the group
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 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	Parked vehicles preventing a clear view of the road and oncoming vehicles.	<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	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	<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	Traffic and people everywhere – especially when accessing the shops and castle	<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	Steep drops can be hazardous if children are unsupervised, running etc. Large drops below walls and viewpoints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children need to be briefed on appropriate behaviour and closely supervised.
6	Damage to historical ruins	Climbing on ruins	<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</p> <p>There is a member of National Trust staff in the entrance office whenever the Castle is open.</p> <p>There is a phone in this office - number is 01929 481294</p> <p>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</p> <p>Leeson House – 01929 422126 Emergency Services – 999 or 112</p>	

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<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>	