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Activity: Dancing Ledge			
Risk Assessment Completed By: Michael Gould			Date: January 2022 Review: January 2023
See General Off – Site Risk Assessment			
1	Lack of effective supervision of the group	Steep paths, uneven underfoot, cliff edges, sea Pupils need to be effectively supervised AT ALL TIMES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow SAGE guidance on staff ratios and the number of Leeson House tutors required. Consider time of year, weather, nature of the group. Due to the environment/location, Leeson House would recommend that large primary groups are led by more than one LH tutor if the group size is above 35 (or less depending on the nature of the group).
2	Path from stiles to quarry floor	Steep path with loose stones and steep drops in places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full briefing for pupils beforehand. Pupils to walk in single file down steps Staff positioned at steepest points on the path Meet in group once onto quarry floor Staff at front and back of the group. Staff at the back is briefed to ensure pupils do not wander over to the cliff edge
3	Rock fall from cliffs	Rocks falling from cliffs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep away from base of cliffs
4	Cliff edge	Falling over edge to sea / rocks below	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep away from edge Mark safety zone and route to viewing site with ropes before group arrive at the site
5	Walking about on quarry floor	Uneven ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep group calm and under close supervision Walk in single file to viewing site, leader avoids roughest ground by choosing appropriate route
6	Lower Ledge - wave cut platform	Steep climb / scramble down to ledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WE DO NOT ALLOW ANY GROUP TO CLIMB DOWN ONTO THE LOWER LEDGE. IT IS STEEP AND WITH AN UNPROTECTED DROP ONTO SOLID ROCK BELOW. IT IS ALSO SUBJECT TO WAVES AND VERY EXPOSED
Emergency		See General Off – Site Risk Assessment There is no mobile phone signal on Dancing Ledge or on the paths down to it from the top of the hillside. The nearest location for a good mobile signal is the first field towards SPYWAY BARN at the top of the hill slope. It may be possible to get French mobile network – International Emergency Number 112 Leeson House – 01929 422126 Emergency Services – 999 or 112	

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