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Activity: General Grounds work / Dig For Victory	
Risk Assessment Completed By: Michael Gould and Louise Harding	Date of latest update: Jan 2020 Review: Jan 2021
See General Risk Assessment – Leeson House Grounds	
Infection: Cuts, thorns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check pupils beforehand for open cuts • All pupils must wear gloves • Have first aid kit available close to where work is being carried out
Illness/allergy: Disease from soil organisms Berries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils to wash hands thoroughly • Staff to check pupils for open cuts beforehand • Pupils must not eat any plants or berries
Inappropriate clothing: Tripping, getting clothing / hair caught	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check pupils clothing beforehand • Ensure appropriate footwear is being worn
Lifting: Back injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid giving pupils tasks that involve heavy lifting • Show pupils how to do tasks safely
Tools: Inappropriate use leading to injury Tripping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use correct tools • Show pupils how to use tools • Keep work area clear • Maintain space between pupils
Emergency	<p>Nearest first aid kit, torch and phone are located in the classrooms</p> <p>Assistance available for the office (internal phone number 221 or 222) or overnight supervisor (233) Emergency Services – Dial 9 first if using Leeson phone then 999 or 112</p>

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Activity: Minibeast Studies – Leeson Grounds	
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Injury to fingers and feet: Inadequate briefing and supervision Splinters from turning over logs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that all pupils are closely supervised when rolling logs and have been told or shown how to do it safely. • Be aware of splinters, handle wood carefully.
Damage to environment: Pupils turning over stones or logs in places not designated for minibeast activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give clear guidelines as to where the pupils can search, close supervision. • Return logs carefully after use
Damage to protected species – newts: Pupils handling newts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief pupils beforehand not to pick up newts • If necessary, staff to pick up newts with cool, wet hands only
Illness/allergy: Disease from soil organisms Tick bites & Lyme disease risk when working in meadow/long grass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils to wash hands thoroughly • Staff to check pupils for open cuts beforehand • Staff ensure that everyone does a thorough check after going in long grass. If any ticks are found a proper tick removal tool is to be used (in the first aid kit in the main office). Teachers inform parents if a tick has bitten a child, so parents can monitor the child & take them to a doctor if Lyme disease is suspected.
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