

Leeson House and Dorset Council's Outdoor Education Service uses the National Guidance from OEAP ([www.oeapng.info](http://www.oeapng.info)) and the SAGE framework to determine ratios and effective supervision. Ratios and effective supervision must be discussed during the planning stage with reference to the specific location and activity risk assessments.

<b>Activity: Hengistbury Head and Mudeford Spit</b>			
<b>Risk Assessment Completed By: Matt Smith and Mike Gould</b>			<b>Date: January 2022 Review: January 2023</b>
1	<b>Location</b>	Illness / accident in a semi-remote location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leader must be familiar with the area under the prevailing conditions and choose working areas and activities appropriate to the conditions and group</li> <li>Use SAGE guidance to determine the staffing ratios and the number of Leeson tutors required</li> </ul>
2	<b>Traffic in car parks</b>	Traffic in car park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief group members about the traffic in Car Parks.</li> </ul>
3	<b>Exposure</b>	Inadequate clothing for conditions There is limited shelter in this area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure the group is adequately equipped and that a weather forecast is obtained. Carry additional clothing / sun cream / water if required</li> <li>Carry KISU in appropriate conditions</li> <li>Be prepared to change plans if area chosen is exposed to the wind / weather.</li> </ul>
4	<b>Cliff edges / bases –</b>	Cliff edges with long drop, loose rock in cliffs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief all group members to be aware of cliff edges and to keep away from tops and bases of cliffs. The cliff edges are mostly unfenced.</li> <li>Leader must be in front at all times and all other adult helpers must remain vigilant AT ALL TIMES</li> </ul>
5	<b>Slippery surfaces on Groynes</b>	Tripping / falling / sliding if wet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief all group members to take care on all groynes</li> <li>Brief all group members to especially avoid walking on green algae covered areas and the edge of the Long Groyne.</li> </ul>
6	<b>Adders and Dogs</b>	Bite and dog mess / dog attack	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief pupils to keep an eye open for adders and avoid</li> <li>Brief pupils to keep an eye open for dog mess and to take care if approached by dogs off leads</li> </ul>
7	<b>Sea / Waves</b>	Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check tide tables beforehand</li> <li>Carry throwline and have it to hand at all times.</li> <li>Brief pupils to stay out of the sea and to avoid ferry slipway / quay at end of the spit</li> <li>Siphonophore – In the summer of 2017/18 a number of Portugese Man O'War were washed up onto the beaches. These sting even when washed up. Do not allow students near.</li> </ul>
8	<b>Whole area</b>	Beach / Stranger Danger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that pupils always work together in groups</li> <li>Ensure that all groups have a mobile phone and phone numbers for staff</li> <li>Ensure that all groups know where staff will be located during group work sessions</li> </ul>
<b>Emergency</b>		Mobile Phone coverage is good from the whole area Leeson House – 01929 422126	