

Leeson House and Dorset Council's Outdoor Education Service uses the National Guidance from OEAP (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.

Activity: Kimmeridge Bay - Rock Pools / Geology / Beach Clean			
Risk Assessment Completed By: Michael Gould & Amelia Gibson		Date: January 2024 Review: January 2025	
See General Off-Site Risk Assessment			
1	Lack of effective supervision	Issues and accidents resulting from the lack of effective supervision of the group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow SAGE guidance for staff ratios and the number of LH tutors required. Focus on time of year and the nature of the group LH recommends one tutor with every 30 pupils due to the location and potential slippery conditions under foot
2	Remote location	Illness / accident in a remote location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leader must be familiar with nature of the bay under the prevailing conditions and choose working areas and activities appropriate to the conditions and group
3	Exposure	Inadequate clothing for conditions There is NO SHELTER in the bay area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the group is adequately equipped and that a weather forecast is obtained. Carry group shelter / emergency bag / sun cream / spare waterproofs and layers as appropriate Be prepared to change plans if area chosen is exposed to the wind / weather.
4	Cliff edges and bases	Cliff edges with long drop, loose rock in cliffs, especially by main car park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief all group members to be aware of cliff edges and to keep away from tops and bases of cliffs. Most of the cliff edges are unfenced. Leader must be in front at all times and all other adult helpers must remain vigilant AT ALL TIMES Do not park minibuses close to cliff tops
5	Slippery Rock Surfaces, in particular during the winter and areas covered by green/purple algae	Tripping / falling / sliding if wet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leader must be in front at all times. Brief all group members to take care on all rocky surfaces Brief all group members to especially avoid walking on green/purple algae covered areas. Use ropes or other equipment to mark out working areas if required. NO RUNNING
6	Army ranges	Areas used as army practice ranges Ordnance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check army range opening times and notices. Ensure that all group members keep within safe area AT ALL TIMES. Brief group to avoid approaching and/or touching any metal objects found on the beach
7	Sea	Sea- being cut off by fast rising tide Large waves from boat/weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check tide tables beforehand Carry throwline and have it to hand at all times.
8	Fossil hunting	Brittle rocks shattering / injury to face and eyes Temptation to approach base of cliffs Geoconservation issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fossil hunting using hammers is prohibited in the bay. Brief pupils to avoid banging rocks together, best to search amongst loose fragments at the shore line

